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Diplomats graduate
Ninety-nine diplomats, representing the first class, graduated from the Diplomatic Studies Institute of the Foreign Ministry in Jeddah Wednesday night. Foreign Minister Prince Saud, who attended the function said future plans for enrollment will admit Gulf nationals. — Page 2.

Afghanistan withdrawal
Pakistan and Afghanistan will begin talks on the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan in June, according to U.N. special envoy Diego Cordovez who has visited the area. — Page 3.

Ugandan diplomacy shaken
Uganda recalls or sacks eight ambassadors, diplomatic sources say. Some embassies are likely to be closed. — Page 4.

Aston Villa struggles
West Germany's Bayern Munich and English champions Aston Villa will clash in the European Champions Cup Soccer final. While Bayern made the grade whipping Cokas Sofia 4-0 in the second leg, Villa struggled to a goalless draw against Anderlecht. — Page 5.

Questions About Islam
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The Austrian Alps
Badgastein is a promising hideaway in the Austrian Alps which offers a wide variety of activities whether the visit is made in the summer or winter. This mountain city has a total population of only 5,800, yet accommodates thousands of tourists from the Middle East every year who keep coming back again and again. — Page 8.

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U.S. recession deepens
The U.S. economy slid further into recession during the first quarter of this year, but inflation dropped sharply, the government reported. The gross national product fell at a 3.9 percent annual rate after adjustment for inflation. — Page 11.

Schmidt wins support
The ruling West German Social Democratic Party congress in Munich swings behind Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in a key vote on nuclear energy. The party is also expected to renew party backing for the NATO decision to deploy new American missiles. — Page 12.

Way to accord on Falklands strewn with obstacles--Pym

WASHINGTON, April 22 (Agencies) — Pledging British willingness to find a peaceful solution to the Falkland Islands dispute, British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym arrived here Thursday with new peace proposals.

"We will do everything we can to try to find a peaceful settlement to the dispute," Pym told reporters at Dulles International Airport near Washington after arriving on a Concorde.

But he also said there are "real difficulties and real obstacles" toward a peaceful settlement with Argentina, which invaded the islands in 1982.

A spokesman at Clarence House (the princess' residence) said, "there is no foundation to any of the rumors." Norman Lonsdale, a 55-year-old publisher and former pupil of the upper Crust Public School Eton, said he was "shocked and surprised" by the rumors, adding "goodness knows where these rumors have come from, there is no engagement and there are no plans for any marriage in the future."

He said, "When I spoke to Princess Margaret Wednesday, she laughed, but I'm not sure if she is laughing now." The rumors, current for a few weeks, started up again at the beginning of this week when the princess was seen smiling at an unfamiliar ring on the "engagement" finger. For the British press, it could only be a gift from Lonsdale.

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America asks PLO to maintain ceasefire

UNITED NATIONS, April 22 (Agencies) — A senior official of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) said Thursday the United States had appealed indirectly to the Palestinians not to retaliate against Wednesday's Israeli air raids into Lebanon.

Shafiq Al-Hout, a member of the PLO Central Council, said the message was conveyed through a third party, whom he declined to identify. The U.S. has no diplomatic relations with the PLO.

Al-Hout, in New York for the U.N. General Assembly session on Palestine, told a press conference: "It was an informal piece of information that we received from the U.S. government. I think it was leaked to us, accompanied with the demand, or with the wish, that we keep our self-restraint."

He added: "The source said what could be understood as the following: 'Please keep quiet, keep self-restraint because this could be a provocation meant for a wider, massive (Israeli) attack, and don't give them the excuse.'"

Al-Hout said PLO leaders were maintaining self-restraint so far, but there was no guarantee they could continue to do so in the face of what he termed Israeli aggression. He said the Israeli planes had hit densely populated civilian areas. The latest casualty figures were 25 dead and several wounded, with hundreds buried beneath rubble.

Meanwhile, strains appeared Thursday in the PLO on the stand to be taken on Wednesday's Israeli raids. First indications in Beirut were that the bulk of the organization was against a military riposte for fear of provoking an Israeli invasion of South Lebanon, but several factions called for vengeance.

Tension remained high in Lebanon Thursday as Israeli jets flew reconnaissance missions over Beirut and the south of the country, including areas bombed Wednesday.

Political sources said Lebanese Prime Minister Shafi Al-Wazzan Wednesday night

contacted Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad), a leading member of the mainstream Fatah Palestinian commando group, to urge restraint.

State-run Beirut radio said Parliamentary Speaker Kamel Al-Assad was sending a message to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat calling on him to beware of the "trap" Israel was laying for his organization. Fatah sources said they had no plans so far to retaliate against the Israelis.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which is part of the PLO, said however that Israel had annulled the ceasefire. It pledged to pursue armed struggle against Israel from all Arab fronts, and in particular the South Lebanon front. A spokesman for the U.N. peacekeeping force in South Lebanon (UNIFIL) reported Thursday that four Israeli tanks entered the strip controlled by Israeli backed Lebanese militia leader Maj. Saad Haddad but returned to Israel. Three Israeli tracked vehicles, three patrols and one jeep were also sighted in various places. Schools in South Lebanon Thursday closed as a precaution against further Israeli raids.

In Beirut, Foreign Minister Fuad Butros conferred with the U.S. and French ambassadors. American envoy Robert Dillon said later that the ceasefire had clearly been violated, but if it could be kept in force "that means there won't be any military operations."

Butros said he has war assurances. "I believe that there are efforts to make things stop at this limit," he said, "but neither I nor anyone else can be certain that matters will definitely stop here."

Syria, which lost two planes in aerial battles Wednesday, said Thursday it would back the Palestinians and their Lebanese nationalist allies whatever the cost. A commentary on Radio Damascus said: "Arab skies and land will never be a playground for Israel's arrogance whatever sacrifices that means and however high the price of protecting them."

Lebanon urges U.N. action to halt Israeli aggression

UNITED NATIONS, April 22 (Agencies) — United Nations Security Council members held private consultations Thursday on Israel's air strike into Lebanon Wednesday, a U.N. spokesman said Thursday.

In a letter to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, Lebanese U.N. representative Ghassan Tuani requested urgent council consultations "in order to determine what appropriate measures could be taken immediately to avoid further escalation and deterioration of the situation."

He stopped short of requesting a formal council debate. In his letter, Tuani said the Israeli Air Force launched three extensive attacks on the coastal area south of Beirut and northeast of Sidon.

Perez de Cuellar and Council President Kamanda Wa Kamanda of Zaïre have both issued statements earlier expressing concern at the Israeli raids and calling for restraint. They also urged respect for ceasefire between Palestinians and Israelis initiated in

July 1981. Meanwhile in Doha Qatar officially protested to the United States Thursday over the massive Israeli raids and warned the U.S. of "the consequences of continued American support to Israel."

Egypt criticized the raids. "We are always against wars and conflicts," the Egyptian Defense Minister Muhammad Abdul-Halim Abu-Ghazala, said. "We would hope this kind of nonsense would end very soon," he told reporters.

In Abu Dhabi, a foreign ministry spokesman said: "The UAE is concerned over the continuing American support for the Zionist enemy in its aggression against the Arab nation."

North Yemen's foreign Minister Ali Lufi Al-Thoor called for "urgent Arab action against this aggression and those who stay behind it."

Jordanian newspapers Thursday described the Israeli raids as an act of terrorism and a prelude to a full-scale attack against Lebanese territory.

Iran Thursday declared support for Syria and the PLO, saying it was prepared to go to war against Israel to "eradicate this usurper regime from human society."

India Thursday expressed "deep indignation" at what it called the "complete unwarranted" Israeli air attacks inside Lebanon.

Britain Thursday implicitly condemned Israel for renewing Middle East violence. A foreign office statement said Britain deplored attacks on civilian areas.

France also condemned Israel's air raids. A spokesman for the Ministry of External Relations said Wednesday night the attacks "violate Lebanese sovereignty and make the search for peace more difficult."

Italy condemned Israel's bombing attacks saying it caused deaths among civilians and was a clear violation of the truce. The foreign ministry called on the interested parties to exercise self-control to avoid further bloodshed and to re-establish the ceasefire.

In Tokyo Japan, Thursday called Israel's attacks a "serious violation of Lebanon's sovereignty."

Peking to revive office of president

PEKING, April 22 (R) — Communist China announced Thursday night the new constitution would re-establish the post of state chairman or president, abolished during the Maoist cultural revolution in the mid-1960s.



LEBANON DEFENSE: Palestinian gunners man anti-aircraft guns and fire at Israeli war planes attacking Beirut positions Wednesday.

Kingdom denounces Israel raids

RIYADH, April 22 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has strongly denounced the brutal Israeli attack on Lebanese territory and Palestinian refugee camps.

A spokesman for the Royal Palace Wednesday night said that "Saudi Arabia strongly denounced this barbaric aggression which came within the framework of the hostile and racist policy that the Israeli occupation authorities practice regularly against the Palestinian people and Arab countries."

The spokesman called upon the big powers to shoulder their responsibilities so as to bring about peace in the area. But the important thing, he added, is that such powers should side with international right and justice. He appealed to the Arab and Islamic countries to close their ranks, unify efforts and transcend their differences in order to counter the Zionist attacks against the Arab world, which attacks are becoming more and more ferocious as days go by.

He urged a world public opinion and international organizations to endeavor to put an end to the Israeli enemy's arrogance and to support the just demands and legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. He also underscored the importance of preserving the peace, security and stability of Lebanon.

Fraser backs Palestine rights

CANBERRA, April 22 (AP) — Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser Thursday called on Israel to recognize Palestinian rights for a homeland.

Fraser said the Australian government believed the legitimate rights of Palestinians included a homeland alongside Israel and the right to participate directly in decisions affecting their future.

He was addressing the New South Wales State Zionist Council on the 34th anniversary of the founding of Israel.

Fraser said Australia supported the two aspects of the Camp David accords first, on the return of occupied territories in the Sinai to Egypt, and second, autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza after the setting up of an elected, self-governing authority.

Fraser said the two parts were not separate, but part of a carefully negotiated package.

"Recent outbreaks of violence in cities on the West Bank show how very close to the surface are the tensions that exist in that territory," he said.

"The aspirations of the Palestinians are a significant factor underlying that violence, and if the momentum of Camp David is to be maintained, a way needs to be found for Israel to give appropriate recognition to them."

Revision Committee which ended its final 10-day session Wednesday

Analysis said that although the draft had been put to the standing committee for consideration, the fact that it had been announced indicated that it was almost certain to be approved. There was no indication of who would become the new head of state, although the powerful Communist Party Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping, 78, would be the obvious choice if he wished to stand.

Syria blamed Blast rocks Paris

PARIS, April 22 (AFP) — One person was killed and 63 were wounded here Thursday when a booby-trapped car exploded in the morning in rush-hour outside the offices of a pro-Iraqi publication *Al Watan Al Arabi*, near the Champs Elysees, devastating everything within a range of 200 meters.

Interior Minister and Acting Premier Gaston Defferre implied that Syria was involved when he ordered the expulsion of two Syrian diplomats from France, shortly after lashing out at the mentality of the bombers. Syria countered by expelling two French diplomats and recalling its Paris ambassador. Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam canceled a stopover visit to Paris for talks.

The violent explosion killed a 30-year-old woman, ripped a leg off another woman and wounded 62 other persons. Several cars were burned out and others badly damaged, and shattered glass littered the street.

The booby-trapped car, an orange Opel registered in Vienna, had been hired by a woman in Jubbajana, Yugoslavia, the Austrian Interior Ministry disclosed. Police said that two months ago there had been an unsuccessful bid to kill Walid Abu Zahr, the Lebanese owner of the magazine and Syria was blamed.

This afternoon it was learned that his chauffeur Guyben Kemoun had been seriously wounded at his home Wednesday by three masked men who had told him that "the offices of the magazine are going to be blown up." Taken unconscious to hospital, the chauffeur had been unable to pass on the warning.

The magazine accused Syria of the assassination of French Ambassador Louis Delamare in Beirut last year, and French television showed a documentary Wednesday night backing up this accusation.

Last December another powerful bomb placed in front of the magazine's offices was defused just one minute before it was timed to go off. Responsibility was then claimed by a "military group of the Arab revolution organization."

Thursday, a spokesman for the magazine accused the Syrian secret service of planting the booby-trapped car, declaring on television: "We revealed who assassinated Louis Delamare and we are the only paper to defend human rights in the Arab world. That displeased the Syrians."

Defferre, speaking as interim premier in the absence of Pierre Mauroy who is visiting Canada, said the French government would do everything in its power to find those responsible and bring them to court.

He said: "The method used reveals the mentality of those responsible for this type of attack who do not hesitate to make blood flow on French territory for settling of grudges which have nothing to do with France."

The minister said France had declared Syrian Naval Attache Captain Hassan Ali and Michail Kasouba, third secretary (cultural affairs), personae non gratae and given them 48 hours to leave the country "because of certain of their activities here." The French ambassador to Damascus has been recalled for consultations.

This was the first time in 10 years that France had expelled diplomats from an Arab country.

Despite oil output cut Al Khail hints at bigger budget

RIYADH, April 22 (SPA) — A drop in Saudi Arabian oil production will not affect government expenditure, Minister of Finance and National Economy Muhammad Aba Al-Khail was quoted as saying in an interview published here Friday.

The minister told *Al-Yanama* weekly magazine that the reason for this was because the government's financial policy was characterized by prudence and taking into consideration all possibilities. The government had recently cut oil production from 7.5 million barrels per day to seven million in order to strengthen the position of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in the world oil market.

According to the 20th annual report issued by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA), the Kingdom's revenue from oil exports during 1981 was estimated at \$101.2 billion compared with \$84.5 billion in 1980, or an increase of 19.8 percent.

The Council of Ministers will hold a special session here Friday under the chairmanship of King Khalid to discuss the budget for the coming financial year. The minister said that the new budget was bigger than the present one, but he gave no figures.

Government expenditure was wholly directed toward developing non-oil sectors, he added. The government's Third Five-Year Development Plan has given special importance to providing incentives and facilities to the productive sectors of the economy, mainly to the agricultural and industrial sectors, to enable them to grow faster and to make a greater contribution to the growth of the non-oil gross domestic product (GDP).

The government will continue to provide loans for the building of houses by the private sector and for investment in all towns and villages alike, he said.

He revealed that during the past financial year, contracts to build 22,300 housing units for various government departments were signed. As usual, there will be no cuts at all in allocations for education proposed by the appropriate authorities.

There has been a significant drop in the cost of living during the previous fiscal year of 1.9 percent, and the decline was expected to be maintained, the minister said. He added that the government had succeeded in completely controlling inflation, the rate of which had dropped from 7.8 percent in the previous financial year to between five and six percent at present.

With the new budget coming into effect, the per capita income is expected to reach about SR50,000 a year, the minister said.

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Prince Saud attends ceremony

Diplomatic institute graduates 99

By Maher Abbas
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, April 22 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal honored Wednesday night the first 99 graduates of the Diplomatic Studies Institute here. The institute was established in 1979 with only 10 full-time and 90 part-time students who were employees of the Foreign Ministry learning the art of diplomacy or seeking to improve their knowledge.

Prince Saud said in a press conference after the graduation ceremony that the institute's future plans envisage enrolling non-Saudis from Arab and Islamic countries. Students from member states of the Gulf Cooperation

Council will be admitted to the institute once its potentials and training facilities are completed at its new headquarters in Riyadh. The institute will be transferred to Riyadh along with the foreign ministry in 1984.

Prince Saud said that admission opportunities will be given in the first place to Gulf national after which the scope will open for qualified Arab personnel. Speaking about the institute's academic policy, the foreign minister who is also president of the institute's supreme council said that efforts are aimed at developing qualifications and specialized skills.

The Civil Service Board has agreed to consider the institute's diploma equivalent to a Masters degree, Prince Saud said. Specialized

courses will be organized shortly for diplomats and technical attaches of Saudi Arabian embassies, he added. However, he stressed the institute was not established to replace academic specialization at the universities.

According to the institute's director Dr. Muhammad Omar Madani, 16 full-timers and 106 part-timers were registered at the institute during the 1980-81 academic year. This year, the number rose to 34 and 154 respectively, showing a 50 percent increase. As of this year, the institute is providing training for Saudi diplomats' wives and already 40 of them are receiving training.

Dr. Madani pointed out that it was King Abdul Aziz, the founder of modern Saudi Arabia, who had laid down the bases of the Kingdom's diplomacy according to the principles of the Holy Quran and the Prophet's Tradition. It is for this reason, he added, that Saudi Arabia's attitude in world affairs is frank and just and that the Kingdom keeps its word and honors its commitments. Such a policy which King Faisal abided by and which King Khaled is pursuing has owed the Kingdom the respect of the entire world and enhanced its prestige.

In his statement at the ceremony, Prince Saud stressed the importance for diplomats to gain experience. But what is more important, he said, is that they apply scrupulously the provisions of the Holy Quran and hold fast to the traditions of their country.

He thanked the head of the Civil Service Board; the members of the institute's supreme board; King Abdul Aziz University; the Public Administration Institute; the United Nations Diplomatic Research Institute; the director of Vienna's Academic Institute; the director of Oxford's Diplomatic Institute; the director of the institute and all those who helped the institute to materialize.

India to get two million tons of oil

NEW DELHI, April 22, (R) — Saudi Arabia has offered to sell India two million tons of crude oil during the next year, an Indian Petroleum Ministry spokesman said Wednesday night.

Riyadh made the offer, equivalent to 40,000 barrels of oil per day (bpd), during Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's four-day visit to Saudi Arabia, the spokesman said. Mrs. Gandhi returned home Tuesday.

Present arrangements for importing an annual 1.1 million tons (22,000 bpd) of Saudi oil end next month.

The spokesman said an agreement would probably be signed next month between the Indian Oil Corporation and Petromin. Shipments over a 12-month period were expected to start next June. India hopes to produce about 440,000 bpd this year, but half its oil is still imported.

KFU organizes seventh Saudi medical meeting

DAMMAM, April 22 (SPA) — The opening ceremony of the seventh Saudi Medicine meeting, to be held in Damman's branch of King Faisal University May 3, will be attended by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah.

The four-day meeting will be attended by the medical services departments of the National Guard, Health Ministry, Armed Forces and Public Security, in addition to more than 2,000 doctors from inside and outside the Kingdom including leading professors and experts of medicine and medical sciences.

Topics to be discussed range from scientific research on progress of medical education to health services in the Kingdom and the region's countries. The upcoming meeting is one of series hosted by medical faculties in Saudi Arabian universities. They aim at improving the standard of medical services in the country through exchange of information on new developments and technologies of the medical world.

Arab steel industry to be probed

ALKHOBAR, April 22 (SPA) — The Arab Iron and Steel Union's technical committee decided to hold a meeting to discuss issues related to the steel industry, products of mills, preliminary materials of iron ore and junk and means of transporting them.

The decision was taken during a meeting at the Saudi Iron and Steel Company's (Hadeed) premises in Jubail Thursday under Mubarak Al-Qasbi of Hadeed. The upcoming meeting has been scheduled for Mauritania in October.

The committee also discussed iron bar and wire rolling mills and reinforcement bars. Hadeed will install high speed rolling units to produce iron and steel products. Modern technological methods will be introduced to prolong the duration of the rolling units considerably, officials said.

Other topics of discussion included the use of oxygen in steel production and its impact on reducing the time of melting steel, besides

saving electricity. The meeting was briefed on experiments by leading Arab companies in iron and steel production.

The AISU committee aims to create closer cooperation between Arab experts in the iron and steel industry through such meeting. These congregations will provide for exchange of expertise and information among Arab companies and get them acquainted with solutions to problems which face their productive units. In addition, these meetings will contribute in the transfer of technology to Arab countries.

AISU is an organization which currently comprises 44 Arab companies. Its charter allows companies financed by Arab capital to join the general assembly.

Last week, the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries (SABIC) hosted a semi-annual meeting of the general assembly. Since AISU was founded in 1971, the semi-annual meetings rotated among member states.

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:19	12:20	11:51	11:38	12:02	12:32
Asr (Afternoon)	3:42	3:48	3:20	3:09	3:34	4:06
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:44	6:48	6:19	6:08	6:33	7:05
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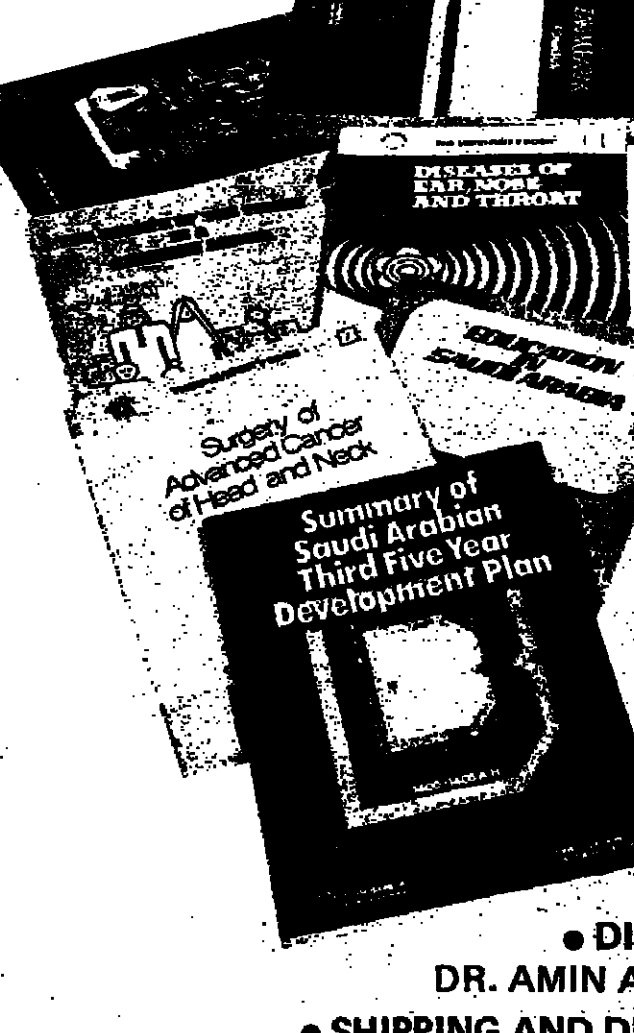
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On withdrawal of Soviet troops

Pakistan, Afghanistan to hold talks in June

UNITED NATIONS, April 22 (AP) — Pakistan and Afghanistan will hold close-proximity talks in Geneva in June with the aim of resolving the crisis in southwest Asia and bringing about the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, it was announced here Wednesday.

U.N. spokesman Francois Giuliani said that the talks will begin June 15 and that U.N. Undersecretary-General Diego Cordovez will act as intermediary. Cordovez is Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's personal representative dealing with the Afghanistan problem. A well-placed source said the indirect talks will last about 10 days and be at the foreign ministers' level.

Iran also is involved in the U.N. mediation effort, but at the initial stage will only be kept informed of the talks through its ambassador in Geneva. Sources said that, because of Iran's war with Iraq, it was not ready to enter into full-fledged negotiations.

The Pakistani and Afghan agreement to talk at close range in Geneva obviously represents a procedural advance, but Cordovez was said to be more encouraged by his success in getting the two sides to define the substantive issues to be discussed.

Chadli visits Delhi

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid arrived Thursday to a booming 21-gun salute to begin a four-day visit. Indian president Neelam Sanjiva Reddy and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi were on hand to greet Benjedid, who was accompanied by Foreign Minister Muhammad Benyahia and other top Algerian leaders.

namely withdrawal of 85,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan, non-interference in the internal affairs of states in the region, international guarantees of non-interference and the voluntary return of Afghan refugees to their homes.

The outcome of the Geneva talks will determine the future course of the negotiations.

Cordovez just returned from a nine-day mission to Islamabad, Kabul and Tehran. According to the U.N. spokesman, Cordovez reported to the secretary-general that he had "received in the three capitals unmistakable expressions of support for the (U.N.) efforts to facilitate the search for a just and lasting political solution."

Perez de Cuellar, who served as mediator prior to his elections as secretary-general last December, made two trips to Kabul and Islamabad last year and recently held talks at U.N. headquarters in New York with Pakistani, Afghan and Iranian officials.

Meanwhile, the Pakistani government has said it will forbid a three-man delegation of the European Parliament from visiting Afghan refugee camps if, as planned, it includes a Jewish member, the president of the parliament said in Strasbourg, France, Wednesday. A protest is expected from the foreign ministers of the 10 European nations.

Pieter Dankert told the parliament the Pakistani government had confirmed that certain Afghan refugee leaders had expressed concern over the participation in the delegation by Gerard Israel (European Progressive Democrat, France). They were reported worried his presence could jeopardize their relations with the Arab world.

Mujahedeen name new commander

BEIRUT, April 22 (AP) — The main Iranian opposition force to Ayatollah Khomeini's regime said Thursday it has named a new commander in Iran to replace the guerrilla leader killed in an ambush last February.

The Paris headquarters of the Mujahedeen Khalq leftist urban guerrilla group identified 33-year-old engineer Ali Zarkesh as the new Mujahedeen chief of staff inside Iran. A spokesman for top Mujahedeen leader Masoud Rajavi, living in self-exile in Paris, said Zarkesh had spent seven years in prison for his anti-regime activities during the days of the late Shah.

The spokesman said Zarkesh replaces the former commander in chief of the Mujahedeen, Musa Khyabani, who was killed by revolutionary guards in Tehran along with his pregnant wife and Rajavi's wife Feb. 8.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — Three Arabs were jailed here Wednesday after being found guilty of smuggling cannabis worth \$550,000 into Britain. The gang's alleged ring leader, Anwar Fahad Al-Sabah, 29, was sentenced to six years imprisonment. The police captain Muhammad Al-Khazzam, 53, was given three years. The third man was jailed for two years.

ANKARA, (AFP) — Turkish police have seized narcotics worth \$3 million in Midyat, in the eastern province of Mardin, police said Thursday.

PARIS, (AP) — French television broadcast a one-hour documentary Wednesday night implicating Syria in the Sept. 4, 1981 slaying of the French ambassador to Lebanon.

In a low-key ceremony Egyptian officials ready to take over Sinai segment

CAIRO, April 22 (Agencies) — Advance groups of Egyptian officials have arrived at the last Israeli-occupied segment of Sinai in preparation for taking over the territory Sunday.

Israel has decided to complete its withdrawal from the peninsula on schedule after receiving assurances from Egypt reiterating its commitment to the Camp David accords and the two countries' peace treaty. The Egyptian groups include representatives of various ministries who will receive installations, establish customs and security posts and execute other administrative tasks.

Egypt will take back the rest of Sinai in a low-key ceremony as President Hosni Mubarak will not travel to the area and instead has delegated two governors to hoist the Egyptian flag over Sharm El-Sheikh and Rafah. Two torch bearers have set out from Cairo Thursday for both towns where they will light a flame of peace to mark the occasion. Egypt has welcomed Israel's decision to complete the Sinai withdrawal on schedule as a positive step and a leap forward on the peace path.

Pakistan to strengthen defenses

ISLAMABAD, April 22 (R) — Pakistan will strengthen its defense capability to counter increased Indian air power represented by New Delhi's agreement to buy 40 Mirage-2000 combat aircraft from France, a Pakistani minister said Wednesday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Raja Zafarul Haq told the federal advisory council that the Pakistani government was fully aware of the French-Indian agreement and "also other developments" which he did not specify. "The new agreement will further enhance the Indian air power and Pakistan will take all possible measures to strengthen

1 dies, 12 injured as violence rocks N. Somalia

NAIROBI, April 22 (AFP) — One person was killed, 12 others were injured and at least 100 persons arrested in new violence last week in Hargeisa, capital of northern Somalia, according to reports reaching here Wednesday. Twelve persons were killed in the town two months ago in clashes when a trial was being held there.

The accidental death of a young girl last week occurred when troops celebrating army day fired off grenades and lighting flares. The incident came after the breakdown of talks between local civic leaders and a mission led by Planning Minister Gen. Ahmad Suleiman Abdullah, Somali President. Muhammad Siad Barre's son-in-law, sent to discuss their grievances.

Demonstrations broke out over the next few days and about 100 persons were arrested, though some reported the number as high as 350.

Moi sees serious threat to OAU

NAIROBI, April 22 (R) — Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi said Thursday that the Organization of African Unity (OAU) was drifting apart because of the controversial admission of the Polisario Front to the Pan-African body.

President Moi, current OAU chairman, told a special OAU meeting that the divisions caused by the admission of the Polisario were "the most serious challenge to the survival of the OAU in its 19-year history." "I would like to benefit from your wisdom and suggestions as to how to get out of this critical situation," President Moi told the opening session of a three-day OAU Bureau meeting. "We cannot afford to fail," he added.

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Uganda said firing eight ambassadors

PARIS, April 22 (AFP) — The Ugandan government has recalled or sacked eight ambassadors, and a senior Foreign Ministry official is now visiting some missions without notice to deliver letters of dismissal, according to diplomatic sources here.

The sources said that the ambassadors were in any case winding up their work after being called back to headquarters, but the government apparently decided to substitute sackings for recalls in some cases after one of the ambassadors reportedly resigned rather than return home. The missions affected were Paris, Copenhagen, Moscow, Ottawa, Canberra, Khartoum, Lusaka and Kinshasa, the sources said.

The Ugandan Embassy in Paris later confirmed that Ambassador Kanyanya Wapenyi had been removed from his post, but a spokesman would not say when this had happened. He said he could only "confirm that he has been dismissed".

Ambassador Wapenyi is still in Paris, and there were reports that his dismissal coincided with an unexpected visit earlier this

week by John Moli, permanent secretary of the Ugandan Foreign Ministry. Moli was reported to have flown to Washington after talks at the French Foreign Ministry.

In a related development, a Danish Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Copenhagen, Thursday, that Uganda was thinking of closing five or six embassies for financial reasons, and the embassy in Copenhagen would probably be shut down this summer.

At the Ugandan Embassy, First Secretary Alex Oluka, without mentioning a possible closing of the embassy, told Agence France-Presse that Ambassador Ibrahim Mukibi had been recalled to Kampala either to take up a job at home or prior to being posted elsewhere.

Oluka said that this was "normal procedure when an ambassador has been in posting for some time." However, observers in Copenhagen noted that Mukibi only became ambassador seven months ago.

The Danish Foreign Ministry spokesman said that Ambassador Mukibi's departure was not connected with the possible closure of the embassy.

S.Korea blamed for gun battles

TOKYO, April 22 (AP) — North Korea's official Radio Pyongyang Thursday accused South Korean soldiers of four separate provocations by firing across the demilitarized zone (DMZ) Wednesday and early Thursday.

The radio, in a broadcast monitored here, said the alleged "indiscreet acts of provocation" by the South Koreans occurred along the eastern and western sectors of the 242-kilometer-long (151-mile) DMZ after North Korea protested the initial shooting incident Wednesday to the Joint Armistice Commission's South Korean component.

In Seoul, a spokesman for the United Nations Command said an investigation was under way into the North Korean allegations, but no other information was immediately available. The radio did not say if North Korea suffered any casualties in the four shooting incidents.

North Korea confirmed Wednesday that it had suffered some casualties in the initial, four-hour battle, the first this year and the most serious gunfight reported along the DMZ in many months.

South Korea said the firing began after four North Korean soldiers were "killed or wounded" by one of their own mines while trying to defect to the South along the central sector of the DMZ shortly after 2 A.M. Wednesday (1700GMT Tuesday).

Radio Pyongyang warned that these incidents were "very serious armed provocations that lead to a military confrontation between the two sides."

Top 3 pop records retain positions

NEW YORK, April 22 (AP) — For the third week in a row, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts retained their No. 1 spot among best selling single pop records in the United States with their big hit "I Love Rock 'n' Roll."

Also unchanged were four other records in the *Cashbox* magazine chart. In slots No. 2, 3, 6 and 10 were the Go-Go's "We Got the Beat," "Main Theme From 'Chariots of Fire'" by Vangelis, Olivia Newton-John's "Make a Move on Me," and "(Oh) Pretty Woman" by Van Halen.

The only newcomer to the ten top list this week was Paul McCartney's "Ebony and Ivory," up to ninth from 15th. As for the country and western singles, "Crying my Heart out Over You" by Ricky Skaggs was No. 1 in the *Cashbox* magazine chart.

The ten top singles, as rated by *Cashbox*, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) I Love Rock 'n' Roll — Joan Jett and the Blackhearts.
2. (2) We got the Beat — The Go-Gos.
3. (3) Main Theme From "Chariots of Fire" — Vangelis.
4. (5) Freeze Frame-Flamethrower — The J. Geils Band.
5. (7) Don't Talk to Strangers — Rick Springfield.
6. (6) Make a Move on Me — Olivia Newton-John.
7. (8) Key Largo — Bertie Higgins.
8. (4) That Girl — Stevie Wonder.
9. (15) Ebony and Ivory — Paul McCartney.
10. (10) (Oh) Pretty Woman — Van Halen.

The ten top country-western singles as

rated by *Cashbox*, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (4) Crying my Heart out Over You — Ricky Skaggs.
2. (1) Same ole Me — George Jones.
3. (7) If You're Thinking You Want a Stranger — George Strait.
4. (5) Through the Years — Kenny Rogers.
5. (6) A Country boy can Survive — Hank Williams Jr.
6. (11) Mountain Music — Alabama.
7. (10) Another Honky-Tonk Night on Broadway — David Frizzell and Shelly West.
8. (9) I lie — Loretta Lynn.
9. (13) You Never Gave up on Me — Crystal Gayle.
10. (16) Round the Clock Lovin' — Gail Davies.

In Britain, ex-Beatle Paul McCartney this week notched up another success since going solo by taking over the No. 1 spot in the British singles chart with the melodious ballad, "Ebony and Ivory." The song, on which McCartney is accompanied by U.S. soul star

Stevie Wonder, is a cut off his latest album and hit the top after just one week in the higher region of the charts.

It ousted "Ain't no Pleasing You" by Cockney sing along duo Chas and Dave, who hit the big time last year with a melodic tribute to Osvaldo Ardiles, the Argentine World Cup soccer star who has been playing with English first division side, Tottenham Hotspur.

This week's top 10, as listed by *Melody Maker*, with last week's placings in brackets:

1. (7) Ebony and Ivory — Paul McCartney.
2. (3) My Camera Never Lies — Bucks Fizz.
3. (1) Ain't no Pleasing You — Chas and Dave.
4. (19) Papa's got a brand new Pigbag.
5. (8) Give me Back my Heart — Dollar.
6. (2) More Than This — Roxy Music.
7. (9) Night Birds — Shakatak.
8. (30) One Step Further — Baro.
9. (5) Just an Illusion — Imagination.
10. (4) Ghosts — Japan.

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NEW YORK, (R) — Danish socialite Claus von Bulow says he believes his heiress wife will one day awake from the 16-month coma he was convicted of causing and clear him. Von Bulow, 55, was convicted last month of trying to murder his wife twice with insulin injections. The prosecution said he wanted his half share of her \$30 million fortune and to marry his 36-year-old friend.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adm. Bobby Inman, the deputy director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, is resigning to enter private business, the White House announced Wednesday. Inman was not immediately available for comment, but the White House released an exchange of letters in which Inman asked to leave his post as soon as a successor could be confirmed. President Reagan accepted the resignation "with deep regret."

LONDON (AP) — A woman who was one of seven "Yorkshire Ripper" victims to survive, was awarded 8,500 pounds (\$15,045) damages by a London high court judge Wednesday. Maureen Long, 46, on Bradford, sued truck driver Peter Sutcliffe, known as the Yorkshire Ripper, over injuries she suffered when he attacked her in 1977. Sutcliffe

was jailed for life last May for killing 13 women.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — King Birendra, ruler of the Himalayan nation of Nepal, arrived in the Indian capital Thursday for a two-day private visit. He was accompanied by his wife, Queen Aishwarya, and mother, Queen Ratna, who reportedly was to undergo undisclosed medical treatment at a local hospital.

MIAMI, Florida (AFP) — Cuban President Fidel Castro's sister, Juanita Caridad Castro, who runs a chemist shop here, has been arrested for selling drugs without prescription, police said Thursday.

PARIS (AFP) — A Paris court Thursday ignored the public prosecutor's call for light jail terms and instead handed down harsh sentences against German-born Magdalena Kopp, 34 and Swiss-born Bruno Breguet, 31, said to be "friends" of international terrorist leader "Carlos". The court handed down a five-year sentence, a 10,000 franc (\$1,600) fine and a five-year prohibition from entering France for Breguet and a four-year jail term and 10,000 franc fine against Kopp. The two were arrested last Feb. 16 after trying to flee from police in a car. The international terrorist known as Carlos, then sent a letter to Interior Minister Gaston Defferre threatening to attack French leaders and premises if the couple were not released by the end of March.



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LOS ANGELES, April 22 (LT) — Rain had fallen most of the day, ruining Jimmy Connors' practice session and leaving him in his hotel room with a choice of either watching cartoons with his son or talking to a sportswriter. So he did a little of both.

In the past, he probably couldn't have imagined himself doing either while preparing for a tournament. But things have changed for Connors, known as the brat when he dominated tennis in the mid-1970s.

At 29, he no longer rules the professional circuit, having fallen to No. 3 last year in the computer ranking, behind John McEnroe and Bjorn Borg. And McEnroe has displaced him as the game's tempestuous bad boy. Connors' on-court outbursts are becoming less frequent. The reason for Connors' maturation — on and off the court — is his marriage in 1978 to Patti McGuire and the birth of their son, Brett David, now 3.

So James Scott Connors, once the playboy of the serve and volley set, has turned family man. At least, that's the image that comes across when you watch him enjoying cartoons with his kid. Connors has also become more public relations-conscious, although you'd never mistake him for Steve Garvey. But his attitude is a marked departure from the on-court Connors of the last decade, the one who would pound his racket, scream at linesmen and slam balls into the net in anger.

Clearly, Connors has changed. For the better, he says. "Off the court, I think my family life has changed me," Connors said. "I've calmed down and learned a lot more patience because of my son. It's a new experience for both my wife and myself."

"The kind of aggressive attitude I have toward tennis also used to be with me away from the court. That intensity was there in

everyday life. With our son, I now have to be different." Obviously, Connors can't treat his boy the way he treats the umpires. In his case, patience was a necessity.

"When I'm playing tennis, I have to forget about the family, and when I'm around the family, I have to remember to forget the game. A lot of people in sports can't find the secret to that, but I guess I was one of the lucky ones."

Anyone who has ever watched Connors at center court can attest that he concentrates totally on his game. In the past, however, that included sometimes unruly behavior that ruffled traditional tennis fans. These days, Connors tries to control his emotions. But he isn't exactly an angel yet. In a tournament final last year in Rosemont, Ill., for instance, he and McEnroe pointed fingers at each other and exchanged heated words at the net. Both were fined.

"I think I'm pretty much the same on the court," Connors said. "I just try to do it (argue) under any breath more to avoid the fines." Connors is angered by the sizable fines tournament officials hand out to the likes of McEnroe, Connors and Ilie Nastase. "It puts a damper on the personalities in the game, which is what brings out the big crowds," Connors said. "People come out not only to see great tennis, which is my No. 1 objective, but also to feel like they're down there on the court playing a Connors or McEnroe."

"The fines don't hurt me, though. I'll go out and play 1, 2 or 10 exhibitions — whatever it takes to make up for it." This season has been particularly busy for Connors, who

Fiery Connors fearsome no more

Marriage sets ball rolling



Connors...from a playboy of the serve and volley set to a family man.

has moved back into the No. 2 spot in the rankings, behind McEnroe (Borg has just returned from a five-month layoff and is ranked sixth).

He's won two tournaments — beating McEnroe in Rosemont, Ill., and Johan Kriek in Monterrey, Mexico — and has

reached the final in four others. Connors lost to McEnroe in the U.S. Indoor Championships and a Grand Prix tourney in Philadelphia, and fell to Guillermo Vilas in both Milan, Italy, and Rotterdam, Netherlands.

It frustrates Connors that he no longer

dominates the circuit as he did in 1974, when he won 99 of 103 matches, including what turned out to be his only Wimbledon singles title. "Nobody will ever do that (again)," said Connors, referring to his hot streak. "There are more players now and the money is a lot better. Everybody's fighting for it."

Connors wants the No. 1 ranking, which he admits is very difficult to reach. McEnroe has shown no signs of yielding, and Borg and Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl are always threats. "I don't like my position, if you know what I mean," Connors said, laughing. "That's why I'm still out here, trying to regain what is mine. But there are a lot of guys out there thinking the same thing."

Borg, in particular, and McEnroe have given Connors the most problems in recent years, but he has dominated Lendl.

Here's how Connors handicaps the competition for tennis supremacy: "I enjoy playing Lendl, but he doesn't like playing me. Borg and McEnroe have problems with Lendl, but I don't. I have trouble with Borg, and McEnroe beats Borg and I play well against McEnroe. 'It's kind of a triangle, square or whatever you want to call it.'"

As he talks about his rivals, his voice intensifies — as if he's about to question a line call. His competitive drive, no doubt, is still as strong as ever. But he's relaxed as he discusses his plans after tennis. In fact, his sense of humor has changed from sarcastic wisecracking to self-effacing quips.

"Am I 130?" he asked, repeating the question. "No, not yet. I won't be 30 until September. At this point, I'm retracting age-

wise. I'll start getting younger. 'Really, I don't feel 30. I don't look 30. So I just go on. Age is just a number to tell how many days you've been alive. I take care of myself as far as practice and conditioning, so it's no big thing.'"

Connors has several goals left before retiring. His most important are winning Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. Although he has won Wimbledon only once he has made the final four times and captured the U.S. Open three times.

Last year's Wimbledon was particularly frustrating. In the quarterfinals, Connors lost the first two sets to Vijay Amritraj, then easily won the next three for the match. The next day, he met Borg in the semifinals and won the first two sets. Then Borg took command and won three straight. "It was so, frustrating," said Connors. "That was rough, to be playing the type of tennis I was the first two sets, then losing in five. But you learn a lot more from losses than wins, I guess."

Mostly, that loss has pushed Connors to work harder in every tournament, not just the majors. "I don't play in L.A. just because it's L.A. I treat it just like it was a Wimbledon. That's probably why my career may not be as long as other guys' careers."

Life after tennis is something Connors and his wife look forward to. Financially, he had invested his money well through the years and is still a hot item for endorsements. Connors said he'll probably always be involved in tennis in some way.

About this time, Connors sensed that he was talking too much about "work" and started talking about his family again.

"You know, before I was married, I used to go running around and the time went so slowly. Now time goes quickly, I'm 29 and my son's 3. Every year goes by so fast you don't realize it."

Dawkins puts 76ers on victory path

NEW YORK, April 22 (AP) — Darryl Dawkins, who says he isn't fully recovered from the broken leg that sidelined him for two months, didn't let that stop him from a shining performance that helped Philadelphia to a healthy victory over Atlanta.

Dawkins, who has been criticized for his play since returning from the injury, scored 27 points and blocked eight shots Wednesday night as the 76ers bombed the Hawks 111-76 in the opener of their best-of-three National Basketball Association playoff series.

"I'm not sure I'll ever shoot that well again," said Dawkins, who hit 12 of 17 shots and also got nine rebounds. "The leg feels pretty good, no real pain, but I know when I get home it will bother me. But I know I won't mind the throbbing tonight."

Not only was Dawkins happy with his performance, but he also was gratified by the response of the crowd at the Philadelphia Spectrum. "I never heard the crowd cheer like that for me before," the center said. "It felt great."

Dawkins, who broke his right leg in January and didn't return until March 24, was told by owner Harold Katz that he was returning to form too slowly. But Katz told Dawkins after the game, "It was the greatest game I've ever seen (you play). Give me that every night and you'll be okay."

In another playoff opener Wednesday, Seattle whipped Houston 102-87 when the playoffs resume Friday night. New Jersey will be at Washington and Philadelphia at Atlanta in the East, while Denver will be at Phoenix and Seattle at Horizon in the West. Washington and Denver won their playoff openers on Tuesday.

Julius Erving added 20 points for the 76ers against the Hawks, who were No. 1 on defense and last in offense in the NBA during the regular season. Reserves played late in the game after Philadelphia twice led by as many as 32 points. "Defensively, it was the least amount of points we've allowed all year, so if that's the way you measure it, I guess it was our best defensive game," said Erving.

The 76ers had the second-best record in the NBA at 58-24, but they have to play a mini-series because they finished behind Boston in the Atlantic Division. They built a 53-36 lead at halftime and boosted the edge to 65-44 with 7:40 remaining and 73-48 with 5:32 left in the third period.

"Darryl Dawkins was fantastic," said Hawks coach Kevin Loughery. "He made the difference to their team. The 76ers were great. Give 'em credit. They took us out of our game."

SONICS 102 ROCKETS 87: Gus Williams was held to four points in the first half, but he returned to add 23 to see Seattle come from behind to beat Houston. Williams was 1-for-8 in the first half, when Houston took a 44-41 advantage. Then 7-0 and 8-0 spurts in the third quarter pulled the Sonics in front 66-56 with 1:18 to go in the period. Star center Moses Malone had only four points in the second half as Houston wilted under Seattle's fast-break offense.

Fed Brown had 21 points and Jack Sikma added 16 for the Sonics, while Malone finished with 20 for the Rockets, who reached the NBA Championship series before losing to Boston last year.



CLOSE CALL: Tottenham's goalkeeper Clemence and defender Price watch helplessly as Barcelona's Carrasco (No. 11) loses control of the ball near the goalmouth during the Cup winners' Cup tie in Barcelona Wednesday night. Barcelona won the match 1-0 to make it to the final, having drawn the first leg 1-1.

Fans in free-for-all in Brussels

Bayern, Villa make Champions final

LONDON, April 22 (Agencies) — Bayern Munich of West Germany and English soccer champions Aston Villa qualified for the 27th European Cup final in contrasting fashion Wednesday night.

Bayern, who will be chasing the trophy for the fourth time in Rotterdam on May 26, crushed Bulgarian giant-killers CSKA Sofia 4-0 in Munich to go through on a 7-4 aggregate. World Cup stars Paul Breitner and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the European footballer of the year, each scored two goals.

Barcelona became hot favorites to lift the Cup Winners' Cup, which will be played in their Nou Camp Stadium on May 12, when a 1-0 victory over England's Tottenham took them through on a 2-1 aggregate. Denmark's former European footballer of the year Allan Simonsen scored the all-important goal in the 46th minute.

Barcelona's opponents in the final will be Standard Liege of Belgium, who beat Cup holders Dynamo Tbilisi of the Soviet Union 1-0 — a repeat of the result they achieved

Robson warns players

Meanwhile — Ipswich Town Manager Bobby Robson has warned his championship chasing team that it cannot afford any slips-ups for the remainder of the season. Ipswich maintained its interest in the English First Division title race by defeating Manchester United 2-1 Tuesday night but still trails Liverpool by two points and has played one more match.

"We had to win against United to stay within reach of Liverpool," said Robson. "That is the way it is going to be right until the end of the season."

Ipswich has six matches left to play and is away to Manchester City Saturday. Liverpool still has seven outstanding fixtures and visits Southampton at the weekend. If Liverpool loses at Southampton, Ipswich could go back to the top of the standings.

Liverpool midfielder Graeme Souness says the critics who think no-one has a chance to catch the Merseysiders are making a big mistake. "It is far too early to start talking about us as champions," he said. "We have a harder run-in than any of our rivals." Liverpool still has to play Ipswich and faces Tottenham twice.

Souness added: "I don't think the title race will be decided until the last game of the season. It is going to be that close." Southampton's hopes already have evaporated but the south coast team only has lost three home matches this season and club and England captain Kevin Keegan will be keen to defeat his former Liverpool teammates.

Manchester City downed West Bromwich 1-0 Wednesday to stop a run of three disastrous defeats but Ipswich will be expected to pick up three points.

Champions Cup		UEFA Cup	
Anderlecht	0 Aston Villa	0 IFK Gothenburg	2 Kaiserslautern
	(Aston Villa qualify: 1-0)		(Gothenburg: 3-2)
Bayern Munich	4 CSKA Sofia	0 S.V. Hamburg	5 Radnicki
	(Bayern: 7-4)		(Hamburg: 6-3)
Cup Winners' Cup		English Division One	
Standard Liege	1 Dynamo Tbilisi	0 West Bromwich	0 Manchester City
	(Standard: 2-0)		
Barcelona	1 Tottenham	0 Aberdeen	3 Rangers
	(Barcelona: 2-1)		0 St. Mirren
			3 Dundee United
			1 Arbroath
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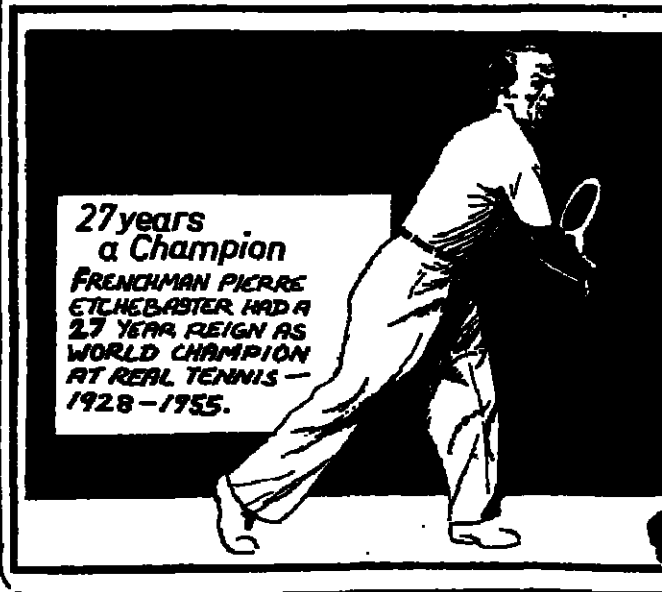
Villa, defending a slender 1-0 advantage, put the accent on defense in Brussels but a goalless draw was enough to guarantee them a place in the final in their first European Cup campaign. Sadly for Villa, their fans were involved in a nasty incident midway through the first half when fighting broke out behind the English goal.

Several spectators were carried off on stretchers before a cordon of baton-wielding police put an end to the pitched battle and separated rival supporters. A number of Villa supporters were detained for unruly behavior when they arrived in Ostend by ferry.

The two-leg UEFA Cup final will be between unfancied Gothenburg of Sweden and West Germans Hamburg. The Swedes despatched Kaiserslautern of West Germany 2-1 after extra time to qualify 3-2 on aggregate, having previously beaten Valencia of Spain and Romania's Dynamo Bucharest.

Hamburg, trailing Yugoslav visitors Radnicki 2-1 from the first leg, made no mistake with a resounding 5-1 triumph on home soil.

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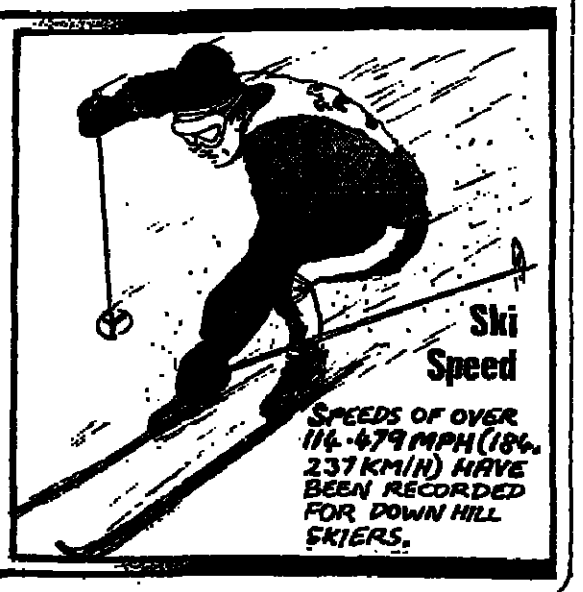


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As Rudi, Newman slam homers A's breeze past Twins

NEW YORK, April 22 (AP) — The Oakland A's and Minnesota Twins were back playing at Oakland Coliseum Wednesday, less than 12 hours after completing a five-hour game there, and the A's rushed to a snappy 5-2 victory in just over two hours.

Joe Rudi and Jeff Newman walloped homers during a five-run Oakland uprising in the fourth inning, helping Tom Underwood to a victory in his first start of the season.

The teams were playing on only five or six hours of sleep following the A's 4-3, 16-inning victory that ended in the wee hours Wednesday. However, this time they settled the issue in just two hours and 14 minutes — the A's shortest game of the season — as Underwood limited the Twins to eight hits.

In another American League afternoon game, the Detroit Tigers completed a three-game sweep of the Kansas City Royals with a 4-1 victory. In the National League, the Montreal Expos beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-2 and sent winless Steve Carlton to his fourth loss this season.

At Oakland, Rudi followed a double by Tony Armas and a walk to Mickey Kuitts in the fourth inning with his first homer of the season, a line drive into the left-field seats off Darrell Jackson, 0-2. Dave McKay followed with a single and Newman made the score 5-0 with a two-run shot to left.

Underwood gave the tired A's starting rotation a needed boost with his complete game effort. He walked three and struck out three.

Paul Molitor slugged a two-run homer and lifted Milwaukee to a 3-1 victory over the

Toronto Blue Jays, snapping a five-game Brewers losing streak. Randy Lerch and Rolie Fingers combined on a five-hitter for Milwaukee.

Rookie Mike Richardt drove in two runs and Lamar Johnson scored twice despite recent problems with the flu to lead the Texas Rangers to a 4-2 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

In a late-night American League game, Al Cowens had three hits in four trips, including a homer to pace Seattle over California, 5-3. Todd Cruz doubled in the go-ahead run in the sixth.

On the west coast in the National League, Ruppert Jones slugged a two-run homer that backed John Montefusco as the San Diego Padres won their eighth in a row, 7-6 over San Francisco. Jerry Reuss fired a one-hitter, an Steve Sax had a triple and two singles as Los Angeles defeated Houston 6-0.

At a glance

American League	
Detroit	4 Kansas City
Oakland	5 Minnesota
Boston	6 Baltimore
Milwaukee	3 Toronto
Texas	4 Cleveland
New York	1 Chicago
Seattle	5 California
National League	
Montreal	5 Philadelphia
New York	7 Chicago
St. Louis	6 Pittsburgh
Atlanta	4 Cincinnati
San Diego	7 San Francisco
Los Angeles	6 Houston

From San Marino Grand Prix

FOCA members withdraw

LONDON, April 22, (R) — The Formula One Contractors' Association (FOCA) Thursday withdrew from Sunday's San Marino Grand Prix and asked for the race to be postponed until July 3. The decision, announced here in a statement, means that only five teams — Ferrari, Alfa Romeo, Renault, Toleman and Osella are left in the race, due to take place in Imola, Italy.

FOCA team members include Williams, McLaren, Brabham, Lotus, Arrows, ATS, March, Theodore, Ensign and Tyrrell. French manufacturer Guy Ligier announced in Paris Wednesday night his team would not race at Imola because technical problems had delayed the construction of its new car. The new machine, the J.S.19 talbot-ligier, will instead make its debut at the Belgian Grand Prix at Zolder on May 9.

Borowiak upsets Gerulaitis

LAS VEGAS, Nevada April 22 (AP) — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors overpowered Hank Pfister 6-3, 6-1 Wednesday while Vilas Gerulaitis, the No. 2 seed, was ousted by Jeff Borowiak in first-round action of the \$370,000 Alan King-Caesar's Palace Tennis Classic.

Connors, mixing deadly accurate backhands with powerful forehands, broke Pfister's serve three times in the first set en route to his easy victory.

Borowiak, ranked 50th in the world last year, topped Gerulaitis 6-3, 7-6 in a match played in winds gusting up to 35 miles-per-hour (56 kmh). Gerulaitis double-faulted twice in the second set tie-breaker which Borowiak won 7-1. "He double-faulted much more than usual," said Borowiak. "The wind seemed to affect his serve."

Meanwhile, Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia downed Poland's Wojtek Fibak 6-1, 6-4, 3-6.

7-6 in the quarterfinal of the World Championship tennis finals in Dallas Wednesday night.

Lendl breezed through the first set, breaking Fibak twice, and had little trouble in the second set with one break of Fibak's service for a 6-4 victory. Lendl, who recorded 11 aces to Fibak's two, held every service against Fibak through the first two sets and three games into the third set.

In Florida, Kathy Rinaldi had lost one set and trailed 2-4 in the second Wednesday but grabbed 15 of the next 18 points to upset sixth-seeded Virginia Ruzici 3-6, 7-6, 6-4 in the \$250,000 Murjani Women's Association Championships.

Ruzici, of Romania, lost her temper and the tiebreaker, 7-2, when she contested two calls. She wouldn't talk to the press after losing to Rinaldi, the No. 10 seed in this event.

BRIEFS

VANCOUVER, (AP) — Darcy Rota scored two goals in the second period and Richard Brodeur continued his sensational goaltending as the Vancouver Canucks advanced to the semifinals of the National Hockey League playoffs Wednesday night by defeating the Los Angeles Kings 5-2. In another match, Quebec beat Boston 4-3.

TORONTO, (AP) — Defender Colin Franks broke a scoreless tie with less than 20 minutes remaining in a North American Soccer League game Wednesday night, lifting the Toronto Blizzard to a 1-0 victory over the Edmonton Drillers.

JOHANNESBURG, (AFP) — Saturday's

fight here between American Davey Moore and South African Charlie Weir will go ahead, despite an American judge's ruling that it should not be a title bout. Promoter Bob Arum said the president of the World Boxing Association (WBA) and other boxing officials are expected to arrive in South Africa Thursday.

LONDON, (R) — A winner's prize of 5,000 sterling (\$9,000), the biggest ever offered in British Bowls, will be at stake in the Masters' tournament at Worthing in June, the organizers announced Thursday. Bill Moseley of South Africa is due to defend the title in the tournament from June 4 to 6.

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Falklands crisis

Britain to seek U.S. support if peace efforts fail...

By Sidney Welland

LONDON —

The United States will face heavy pressure to support Britain in the Falklands crisis if U.S. mediation efforts collapse, political sources say. Despite editorial and parliamentary irritation, the British government has so far resisted calls that it should demand a change in President Reagan's officially neutral policy as between London and Buenos Aires.

Government leaders, although they would prefer outright American backing, have told critics they understand that the U.S. must maintain a credible posture of "evenhandedness" so long as it remains the only go-between in peace efforts.

But political sources believe pressure for a switch in U.S. tactics could become irresistible if U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig fails to pull off a negotiated settlement. They have already detected hints in government statements that Britain will expect Reagan to get off the fence if the U.S. is forced to abandon its honest broker role.

"While that process is in hand, it does seem inappropriate for the United States government to align itself," Foreign Secretary Francis Pym told parliament on Monday. London analysts noted that Pym's acknowledgement of U.S. neutrality was conditional on mediation continuing.

Jonathan Aitken, a member of parliament for the ruling Conservative Party, told the House of Commons there were "profound misgivings...about the ambivalent sounds and signals coming out of the U.S. administration on this issue."

Lord Shackleton, a spokesman for the opposition Labor Party, said if Haig failed, "I would hope that that would absolve the Americans from trying any more to be an honest broker."

The U.S. Embassy in London has been alarmed by strident editorial demands that Washington should speak out vigorously and clearly in support of its faithful, long-time ally. Embassy telephone lines were jammed by angry callers when newspapers carried reports, quickly denied, that the U.S. was helping Argentina with intelligence information.

Britons were outraged when Reagan seemed to equate Britain and Argentina and senior U.S. officials dined at the Argentine Embassy in Washington soon after Argentine troops seized the Falkland Islands on April 2.

Editorial writers raged when Jeane Kirkpatrick, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, refused to label the Argentine action as armed aggression. There was more bridling when leaked tapes were published in Washington in which Reagan was quoted as saying British leaders "want a skirmish to

save face."

British commentators have likened the U.S. stance with America's decisive opposition, widely regarded here as betrayal, when Britain attacked Egypt in the 1956 Suez crisis. The general tenor of press comment has been that the U.S., as the world's leading democracy, should have no hesitation in coming out squarely behind Britain against a military junta with a controversial record on human rights.

U.S. officials saw the reaction as a symptom of frustration over Britain's humbling by Argentina and said it was expected.

Other London-based diplomats predicted there could be long-term effects on the Anglo-U.S. relationship and even trouble for the whole NATO Alliance if U.S. mediation broke down and Washington still tried to maintain a neutral posture.

But they also noted countervailing pressures on the U.S. if Argentina goes ahead with moves to invoke the 1947 Rio Inter-American Treaty on mutual aid in the event of an armed attack in the Western Hemisphere. The U.S. is one of 21 signatories.

When Haig relayed Argentina's negotiating position to Britain on Monday, *The Daily Mail* called it "a plan which gives Argentina virtually everything."

The comment was typical of the suspicion voiced by Britain's mass-circulation newspapers since U.S. mediation started. *The Daily Express*, another tabloid, said Haig would be "far better employed back in the State Department, ensuring that the United States lines up with its oldest friend and ally."

The pro-government *Daily Telegraph* questioned whether America could be relied on as a firm ally "if she hedges over an issue where the right is so clear." Foreign Secretary Pym went to Washington Thursday to deliver British counter-proposals to Haig. Apart from the U.S., all of Britain's major allies in NATO have taken a strongly pro-British line. In a quick gesture of solidarity, the European Common Market has banned imports from Argentina for a trial period of one month. British officials believe Argentina could be economically crippled if the U.S. imposed trade and credit restrictions.

But European allies have been careful to hold back on support for possible military action. Britain cannot rely on a blank check from the Common Market if the British Navy is ordered into battle to retrieve the Falklands.

Analysts believe the 10-nation European Community could split if there is an armed showdown. West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt warned on Tuesday the South Atlantic was one of several conflict areas that could spill over to affect Europe. (R)

WHO NEEDS RESTRAINT?

The United States has asked the Palestine Liberation Organization to exercise self-restraint and refrain from hitting back at Israel which launched Wednesday's attack against Palestinian refugee camps and civilian centers in Lebanon. The raids, carried out by U.S.-made warplanes against which neither the PLO nor the Arab states have any defense, killed and wounded scores of Palestinians and innocent Lebanese.

Instead of condemning outright the wanton Israeli attack on homeless people, the U.S. contacted the PLO through third parties asking for self-control as if the PLO can strike back at Israel in kind.

Israel, already stronger than all the Arab states, is backed by the U.S. and ensured against Arab retaliation but it is practically free to attack the Arab states, occupy their lands, kill their people and reject meaningful negotiations aimed at restoring right, justice, peace and security in the region because it has the power, mainly American, to do so. The poor Palestinians are asked to exercise self-restraint against a state which has the most lethal weapons in the Middle East and the uncanny willingness to use them against the Arabs with ferocious frequency.

The Palestinians are nearly helpless to strike back in force because the Arab states closer to Israel are not willing to let them use their territories for attacks against Israel. Lebanon is an unhappy host while Jordan and Syria have long refused them sanctuaries for fear of Israeli reprisals. These are made possible and effective because of American support and supplies of superior weapons systems.

But the U.S. government can do something more positive and durable by formulating a sound policy for the Middle East. At present it has nearly none except outbursts of self-righteous indignation and hollow expressions of regret whenever the situation in the region breaks out of the mold.

There are indications that something like an American policy for the Middle East might be forthcoming after Sunday's Israeli withdrawal from Sinai. With the Camp David accords properly buried, the U.S. administration may come out with something else, hopefully.

Saudi Arabian press review

Thursday's newspapers denounced in their editorials the Israeli attack on Lebanon stressing that a "serious Arab stand" was the only way to put an end to the Zionist crimes.

Al-Nadwa criticized U.S. support for Israel, affirming that "the Zionist enemy will persist in its crimes and aggression against the Arab nation as long as there are those who pose for its defense."

It asked, "Until when will the Arabs face the Zionist challenge and the shedding of Arab blood with silence and issuing statements of denunciation...?"

"Diplomatic means in facing a fierce and arrogant enemy such as Israel and in deterring its continued aggression have failed over the past third of a century, especially in the light of America's stand at international organizations."

"Only a serious Arab stand will save the region from Zionist irresponsible actions, a stand that will make the enemy feel it will have to pay dearly for any aggression," it added.

Criticizing the U.S. stand at the Security Council, *Okaz* said it was tantamount to challenging the feelings of Muslims and Arabs. It

urged a united Arab stand and an Arab-imposed solution for the Palestinian problem.

"In opposing the draft resolution backed by other Security Council member states, the U.S. does not only stand against world unanimity in denouncing the Zionist entity, but also affirms its determination to persist in backing its spoiled child," the paper added.

In similar tones, *Al-Madiah* said the U.S. had "challenged the feelings of Muslims. President Reagan has challenged Islam and holy shrines for the sake of the Zionist entity."

The paper accused the U.S. of seeking to "destroy Muslims while it is trying to win over their approval of its veiled aggressive activities." It concluded by calling on Muslims to put an end to this double game.

Al-Riyadh spoke of contradiction in American diplomacy in solving international problems. It compared between American efforts to settle the Falkland Islands crisis and the U.S. stand on the Arab cause "and its total bias toward the Zionist entity, as was apparent at the Security Council." —(SPA)

...As Argentina tries to invoke inter-American defense treaty

By Bob Horton

WASHINGTON —

Argentina's attempt to invoke an inter-American defense treaty against Britain raises the stakes in the Falklands crisis and poses a major diplomatic complication for the Reagan administration. The United States is among 21 signatories to the 1947 Rio Treaty, which specifies that an attack against any American nation shall be treated as an attack on all.

However, contrasted with its obligation under this treaty is the fact that the United States has a deep-rooted historic relationship with Britain that is virtually certain to supersede any hemispheric ties.

Another complicating factor is the administration's desire not to alienate Argentina, a relatively new friend whose support it seeks for its controversial Central American policy.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig seemed early this week to be cautioning Argentina against putting the United States to the friendship test by attempting to invoke the Rio Treaty. "Our longstanding obligations to Great Britain... are well known and seriously taken," he told reporters.

The Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assis-

tance, as the Rio pact is formally called, has been invoked with limited success on several occasions, including twice against Cuba in the 1960s.

Its provisions have never been invoked against an external threat, which Argentina says Britain has posed by deploying warships to back its demand for withdrawal of the Argentine forces that seized the Falklands on April 2.

Article three of the treaty says the signatories "agree that an armed attack by any state against an American state shall be considered as an attack against all the American states, and consequently, each one... undertakes to assist in meeting the attack."

Article eight spells out measures that the signatories, by a two-thirds majority vote, can order against an aggressor. The measures range from diplomatic and economic sanctions, which are termed binding, to the use of armed force, which is left to the discretion of each signatory.

Diplomats said a good deal of debate and rhetoric would precede any vote which could lead to measures against Britain, thus allowing some time for further U.S. diplomatic efforts to work out an acceptable solution to the Falklands dispute.

They also acknowledged that the action of

Argentina in seizing the Falklands might be debated under article one of the Rio Treaty. This says that the treaty signatories "formally condemn war and undertake in their international relations not to resort to the threat or the use of force in any manner inconsistent with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations or of this treaty."

Article two also commits the signatories to "undertake to submit every controversy which may arise between them to methods of peaceful settlement."

Early in the crisis, the U.N. Security Council approved by a vote of 10-1 a resolution backed by the United States calling on Argentina to withdraw from the Falklands. The resolution urged a negotiated settlement.

Argentina could count on strong hemispheric support for invoking the treaty against Britain. Most American governments regard British rule over the Falklands as an anachronism from colonial days. But the United States may cite a precedent for refusing to join in any sanctions.

In 1964, two-thirds of the signatories voted to break relations with Cuba after Cubans were involved in the attempted assassination of Venezuelan President Romulo Betancourt. Mexico,

however, refused to carry out this "binding" sanction because of its long-standing friendship with Cuba. An Organization of American States official said no action was taken against Mexico for its refusal to abide by the 1964 vote. (R)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, April 23rd, the 113th day of 1982. There are 252 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1533 — Catholic Church inquiry declares marriage of Catherine of Aragon to England's King Henry VIII as void.

1621 — Protestant Union in Germany is dissolved.

1633 — South German Protestants sign League of Heilbronn with Sweden and France for mutual support against imperialists and Catholic League.

1792 — France's national anthem "La Marseillaise" is written.

1873 — Ashanti war breaks out in Africa; Dutch war begins against Sultan of Achin in north-west Sumatra, Indonesia.

1895 — Russia, France and Germany protest against cession of Chinese territory to Japan.

1935 — Polish constitution is adopted after nine years of discussions.

1940 — More than 200 people perish in dance hall fire in Natchez, Mississippi.

1945 — Allied troops reach River Po in Italy in World War II; United States and Soviet forces meet at Torgau in Eastern Germany.

1964 — Malaysia publishes white paper accusing Indonesia of plotting assassination of Malaysian government leaders.

1969 — Los Angeles jury sentences Sirhan Sirhan, convicted assassin of U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy, to death in gas chamber. Sentence later is changed to life in prison.

1972 — Two U.S. Apollo 16 astronauts blast off from moon and rejoin command ship for journey back to earth.

1975 — South Vietnam cabinet resigns as panic grips Saigon, and U.S. President Gerald Ford declares that Vietnam war is over.

Thought for today:
It is a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it. —W. Somerset Maugham, English novelist (1874-1966).

Threat of civil war haunts Chad

By Bernard Degioanni

NDJAMENA —

A worsening of the political climate and the emergence of splits in the multi-factional government have given rise to fears of a new outbreak of civil war here.

The uncertainty about Chad's future is also shared internationally: a meeting of creditors to help rebuild the economy — scheduled for April 15

and 16 in Nairobi — was canceled because none of the countries contacted had wanted to attend, a reliable source said here.

The political situation, which has led to a virtual withdrawal of support for President Goukouni Oueddei, is reflected in a mood of insecurity here over the past two weeks, including an increase in extortion and arbitrary arrests by the military police, according to diplomatic sources.

One African diplomat commented, "Ndjamena has been hovering between peace and war for too long. The incompetence of the government has created a climate of suspicion, and at the first shot every Chadian will take flight and lose trust in his neighbor."

Several leading officials of humanitarian organizations here have been given protection for the last two days, at their own request, by troops of the Organization of African Unity peacekeeping force in Chad. A reliable source said that some diplomats had also demanded similar facilities from the OAU.

The authorities appear to have partially lost control of the military police. In one incident, the head of an oil company was wounded by bullets in the

yard of the Ndjamena police station after being arrested at his home. The official version of events said that the victim, of French nationality, had tried to escape. The seriousness of his wounds has led to his evacuation to neighboring Cameroon.

However, night police checks against people carrying arms are less frequent, and a watchman employed by the United States Organization, CARE, which distributes food donated by humanitarian bodies, was murdered and all the supplies stolen.

Although the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has undertaken the daily feeding of some 200,000 people in Ndjamena, beggars have reappeared on the streets after an absence of two years.

Hotel employees, along with civil servants, complain of not receiving regular salaries, which in any case were cut by half three months ago on government orders. The public administration has almost ceased to function, and no state organization now has a bank account. Ndjamena has become a dirty town, with almost every district piled with refuse. In spite of a UNHCR grant of \$166,500 to the municipality for cleansing (AFP).

Letters to the editor

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Our dialogue

Due to the large number of letters the editor has received we are devoting a larger space for "Our Dialogue" over the next two or three weeks in order not to delay the answers for a long time. We would be grateful if readers confine their questions to one topic only in each letter.

DIALOGUE

Q 1. Is it obligatory for a Muslim to join one of the Sufi schools, or tareeqa, such as Adiri or Tijaneeya, etc?

Q 2. Does Islam approve of family planning?

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A 1. Sufi schools, or tareeqa, have come into existence with the aim of establishing a link between their members and the Prophet and through him they may have a link with Allah. Members learn the practices of their particular school through a Sheikh who enjoys a position of great love and respect among them. Much emphasis is put on the role of the Sheikh. He is indeed obeyed whatever his commands are. It is quite common among Sufis to believe that the Sheikh derives his authority directly from Allah. This mistaken belief leads them to obey the Sheikh even when his orders are in conflict with the basic teachings of the Prophet.

In Islam there is only one source from whom we derive our concepts and beliefs and learn how to conduct all our affairs. This source is the Prophet himself. This is indeed the meaning of the second part of our declaration by which we become Muslims: "I believe that Muhammad is Allah's messenger." This means that nothing contrary to what the Prophet has said or taught has any validity whatsoever.

The Prophet has taught us that we can address Allah directly, without any need for an intermediary like the Sufi Sheikhs. He has also taught us a method of worship which is simple, direct and free of all complications such as those imposed by the Sufi schools. Only what the Prophet has taught is right;

whatever else is wrong. Such complications as the Sufis impose often go, so far as to contradict the basic Islamic beliefs and concepts of Divinity and the role of man and his relationship with Allah.

The answer, therefore, to the reader's question is that to join a Sufi school makes a Muslim liable to disobey the Prophet and thereby disobey Allah. It is not only obligatory; it is unacceptable.

Our advice to the questioner is to try to learn more about Islam from someone who teaches only what the Prophet has taught, without giving any privileges to anybody else.

FAMILY PLANNING

A 2. It is permissible for a married couple to try to limit the number of their children through contraception, if their circumstances dictate that they should do so. Sterilization of either the husband or the wife is not permissible, according to most learned authorities.

The Prophet has recommended us to increase our nation through marriage and child birth. At the same time he did not forbid contraception. He said, however, that contraception cannot stop Allah's will. If he wants to create He can easily render any method of contraception ineffective. Muslims, therefore, are advised not to resort to contraception except for valid medical or social reasons.

All this applies only on the individual level. As a national policy, family planning is unacceptable as it leads to the weakening of the Muslim nation. Maulana 'Abul-Ala Maudoodi has written a very good book on the subject which is available in English, Urdu and Arabic. It may be useful for the reader to refer to it.

QUR'ANIC TRANSLATIONS

Most English translations of the Qur'an are rendered in a style which makes them rather difficult to understand by ordinary readers. To help achieve a better understanding of Islam I believe that the use of Maulana Maudoodi's translation in your own column "Islam in Perspective" could be very useful.

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What the Qur'an teaches

In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Beneficent
Believers! If you fear Allah He will grant you a criterion (to judge between right and wrong), remove from you all evil which may afflict you, and forgive you. Allah is the Lord of grace unbounded.

Remember (O Prophet) how the unbelievers plotted against you, to keep you in bond, or to murder you, or send you into exile. They plot and plan, and Allah also plans. Allah is indeed the best of planners.

(The Spoils of War: 8; 29 - 30)

All translations of the Qur'an have their shortcomings, regardless of their styles. This is due to the fact that a translation of the Qur'an is simply an attempt to render in a human mode of expression what Allah has said. That is, to add imperfection to what is perfect. To our knowledge, Maulana Maudoodi's translation of the Qur'an is in Urdu. He did not produce an English translation.

Women in Mosques

Q 1. It is commonly preached in India that Islam does not allow a woman to enter into a mosque and lead prayers in any part of it. I see, however, women in large numbers entering into Dammam mosque for prayers, where a separate place has been arranged for them. What does Islam really say about women's participation in congregational prayers?

Q 2. Can a Muslim marry his wife's sister when she is still alive?

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A 1. The Prophet says: "Do not deny women access to Allah's mosques." Thus women are allowed to go into mosques as they please. They should, however, form

their rows behind those of men when they join congregational prayers (jama'ah), or they may have their own corner in the mosque, where they may pray as part of the congregation. What is not permissible is for men and women to mix together in one rank where a man stands next to a woman. This prohibition is to help avoid lapses of concentration at a time when one is supposed to be fully preoccupied with his prayers. At the time of the Prophet women used to come to the mosque and join the congregational prayers.

A woman may lead other women in prayers, provided there is no man in the congregation. This is to say that only a man can lead prayers except when the congregation is one of women only.

If there is only one man in the congregation he should pray alone and let the women conduct their own congregational prayers. He may lead them, however, if he has a very close relative among them such as his wife, mother, sister, daughter, etc.

A 2. A man cannot marry two sisters at the same time. If he divorces one, or if one dies, he may marry her sister in the normal way. At no time can two sisters, or half sisters, be married to one man. If such a marriage is contracted the contract is invalid.

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When Allah intervenes

The episode of Surahah ibn Malik was nearest the unbelievers could get to the Prophet during his historic journey to Madinah. Nothing else which could be described as serious did happen on the way, which, in itself, says a lot for the careful planning of the journey. Yet on three occasions the Prophet could have been in a position of great danger. Everytime he was saved by something over which he had no control whatsoever. Firstly, when his house was encircled by the would-be assassins and sleep overpowered them. Secondly, when his chasers stood at the entrance to the cave he was in and left without looking into the cave. Finally, when Surahah, spurred by the temptation of the high reward, was at a striking distance from the Prophet and his repeated falls off his horse turned him into a friend. In each of these three occasions, it may be said, the Prophet was saved by direct intervention of Providence.

We may wonder whether such intervention was a special act of kindness to the Prophet because of his unique position. Can we also expect similar acts from Providence when we are in danger?

As Muslims we believe that nothing can happen in the universe against the will of Allah. He supervises everything. This does not mean that He Himself does everything or causes it to happen. It simply means that the laws of the universe operate according to His will. He has made them and set them in motion. Only He has the power over them and can cause them to stop as He wills.

He also can bring in any law of the universe to operate where it normally does not. This results in what may be termed as "miracles" which appear to us as supernatural. To Allah they are simply part of His creation.

They are just as easy for Him to accomplish as the natural phenomena which we tend to

accept as 'easy' and 'natural' because of our familiarity with them.

Indeed, Allah does this all the time. He operates His laws of the universe as He wills. He acts in every situation in the way which serves His purpose. As He is an active participant in the camp of the believers He may intervene in any situation in order to accomplish what He wants. This may seem miraculous or lucky, according to our interpretation of it. As Muslims, however, we believe that nothing in the universe could come out of a blind coincidence. Such a term has no entry in our lexicon. Hence, the Prophet came out of those three situations of grave danger as a result of a deliberate act of intervention by Allah. The same could happen to any of us in a whole variety of situations.

This does not mean that we stop working and wait for Allah's intervention. We cannot expect a miraculous escape everytime we are in danger. Such a fatalist attitude has no Islamic sanction. We are, indeed, required to take, in every situation, all the measures which are necessary for the accomplishment of our purpose. When we have done so we may add to it our reliance on Allah and prayers to Him to make our efforts fruitful.

The Prophet, in his planning of his risky trip, left nothing to chance. He planned it with meticulous care. He did all what was humanly possible to ensure his safety.

When he had done all that he moved with complete reliance on Allah and confidence that He would bless his efforts. This is the true Islamic attitude which has brought Muslims unparalleled success throughout history.

To be continued

Smiles attract tourists

Kashmiri houseboats are a novel form of lodging

By Jean Grant
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SRINIGAR — "Welcome to our happy valley," say the Kashmiri houseboat owners with smiles. Perhaps they are thinking of the sign which advises that "a smile is a tourist attraction." It is displayed in the town center of Srinagar. Whatever the reason, Kashmiris do smile a lot, at least to the tourists.

This 30 by 70 mile valley, high in the Himalayas, offers seasoned tourists, jaded with hotel-life, a novel form of lodging. In Srinagar, however, there is nothing unusual about living on a houseboat, in their hundreds, they line up alongside Lakes Dal and Nagin.

They remain empty in winter when the lakes freeze, and the tourists go to the mountain resorts of Pahalgam and Gulmarg to ski. But at the first sign of spring, tourists come flocking back just as they did a hundred years ago when the subcontinent was under British rule. Then they came from Rawalpindi, taking the two to three day ride by the horse-drawn carriage called the tonga. Now there are daily nonstop jets from Delhi taking the tourists comfortably from the capital to the mountains in a couple of hours. Some of the most spectacular scenery in the world is just below, so if you care about mountain viewing, get to the airport early enough to get a window seat.

The best place to select a houseboat is at the Tourist Reception Center in central Srinagar. Avoid the touts at the airport who have been known to mislead tourists about prices. The deluxe houseboats are surprisingly luxurious. Most have four more rooms, but they are still flat-bottomed scows and hence have great stability. There is absolutely no chance of becoming seasick on a Kashmiri houseboat. In fact, it hardly feels like being

on a boat at all. Although the houseboats can be towed from one lake to another, this is rarely done in practice. The boats, which measure 150 by 15 feet, are usually moored to land owned by the proprietor.

Kashmiri houseboats smell wonderful. Being in one is like being packed away with a bride's dowry in the traditional cedar hope chest. The relation between guest and owner is far more personal than at a hotel, and on a houseboat the tourist will get acquainted with the Kashmiris. For this reason, a congenial owner is as important an attribute as the decor. If the owner constantly tries to sell you souvenirs or carpets, and to arrange trips; or if he has the boatman steer your shikharas (the tiny boat that goes along with each houseboat) toward all the merchants selling candy, knickknacks, and furs, the trip down the river on a sunny afternoon will be less than relaxing. For this reason, it is best to avoid a long commitment at least in the off-season when you can always find another houseboat if displeased with your original choice.

Most households have their own shikharas. Many are rented out like inexpensive water taxis. The ones chosen by the tourists have canopies, low cushions to recline on, and curtains to draw if you feel a need for privacy. The boatmen sing mournful songs as well as any Venetian gondolier. To cap the romantic mood, the paddles all have heart-shaped ends.

Houseboat costs include food and elaborate service which involves such niceties as hot-water bottles in bed. The food is admittedly rudimentary, but that doesn't bother most tourists who are terrified of getting sick, and are as happy with an omelette as with more exotic fare.

"Westerners are too delicate, but we know how to treat them," said one houseboat owner. They may be modest about their food, but the Kashmiris show no such diffidence



KASHMIRI HOUSEBOATS: A unique experience, left, houseboats are permanently moored to the owner's land and are often very ornate, costing as much as \$100,000. Center, one of the living room areas, and right, a craftsman works on a fine piece of woodwork.

when it comes to their tea. "With cinnamon, cardamom ginger, saffron and a little honey, it is good for indigestion, cough, dysentery, cold and headache," claimed a Kashmiri as he pointed to the huge pewter samovar which held the evening's tea.

The names of the houseboats are a curious assortment of appeal to national pride and pure kitsch: the *Maple Leaf*, and *Pride of London*, are moored alongside the *Whoopie*, the *Sans Souci*, and *Golden Privilege*.

An important consideration in choosing your houseboat is its location. If you want to be close to Srinagar for shopping and don't mind peddlers at your porch door, then Lake Dal is a good spot. If you prefer quiet, solitude, and the song of birds, then Lake Nagin is the better choice. The center of Srinagar is badly polluted with diesel fumes and noise, but just a few kilometers away, tiny kingfishers swoop for fish, and ducks paddle about. Everywhere in the valley, great hawks gyre overhead, and mountain peaks jut into view at the horizon.

On the shikharas ride from Lake Dal to Lake Nagin, you can observe the fine wood carving on the lakeside homes. Built of brick, these have several floors and an Elizabethan feel imparted by flying buttresses.

New boats are still being built, and craftsmen carve wood for their walls into filigree patterns.

"It takes a year to build a fine houseboat," said Mohamed Wangnoo, owner of the Lion of Kashmir houseboats. The boats, which last from 50 to 80 years, cost up to \$100,000, he claimed. Their ceilings are carved from small pine pieces during the winter, and fitted together like pieces of a giant jigsaw; most designs are geometric — rectangles, polygons, or stars — but a few are modeled after Kashmir's famous *chinar* leaf which looks somewhat like a maple. Not only the ceiling, but every wall in the houseboats is in wood panel.

The carving is usually a family affair. Children begin learning the craft about age 12.

The sun watches his father draw an arabesque freehand, and as he gouges in the pattern to outline it, another son chisels out the design.

They are relaxed about their work, taking a puff on the water pipe or a snack from theiffin-carrier when they want. Some even hum and sing as they work. Perhaps the old saying of Tuz-i-Jehangiri is still true today, at least when the weather is fine: "If there is a paradise in the world, it is here, it is here, it is here!"

Previously totally isolated
India confirms decision to convert black and white TV to color system

By Granville Watts

NEW DELHI, (R) — The Indian government, after debating the question for years, has taken the plunge and decided to convert its aging black and white television system to color.

India has become virtually isolated in television terms in Asia with even its comparatively tiny neighbors like Sri Lanka and Bangladesh boasting a flourishing color television service.

Now Information and Broadcasting Minister Vasant Sathe, a tireless advocate for color television, has told parliament that the government has agreed to color television being phased in.

This means that in the initial period the state-run TV service will screen films and other features in color while keeping news broadcasts and studio presentations in black and white.

What took India so long to make up its mind to go to color is mainly the sobering fact that half the country's population of 680 million people still live below the poverty level.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had privately expressed reservations about introducing color television after she was returned to power in January 1980.

She was reinforced by some ministers and members of her ruling congress party who said it was ludicrous to introduce color TV to India when thousands of Indian villages were still without supplies of drinking water and electricity.

But Sathe and the recommendations of expert committees set up to consider the question finally convinced Mrs. Gandhi that India, like most other countries in the world, should go color.

Sathe and his supporters said it was becoming increasingly difficult to operate Indian television because of the difficulty of obtaining and exchanging black and white programs.

They said the whole technology of television in India was being held back because of the lack of color.

While awaiting the final go-ahead, some enterprising companies have already established the production of color television sets.

It was estimated that a 20-inch color set would cost about \$1,160 — almost four times as much as an average black and white receiver.

Color TV programs are likely to be initially aimed at urban audiences, but color documentary and educational films eventually are expected to be piped direct via satellite to special community receivers in thousands of Indian villages.

"Color television might even have an impact on India's rampant birth rate, with

villagers watching TV rather than retiring early to bed," one official said.

Television was first introduced into India in September 1950 and many critics feel it has barely improved since then.

Bored urban viewers in Delhi yawn their way through farmers' programs showing how to dig a well and the only foreign serial, which is avidly watched every Thursday night, is a 30-year-old American series called "I love Lucy."

America's 'top secret' classifications rejuvenated

By Peter Fringale

WASHINGTON (LOS) — Keeping America's secrets has never been an easy task for any administration because of the openness of government. Sooner or later, all presidents get irritated by leaks.

Richard Nixon and his "plumbers" tried to plug the holes. President Carter started to change the rules for giving secrets to Congress in order to stop congressmen passing them on to their trusted journalists.

Now President Reagan has signed an order requiring more secret stamps on more government information. He thus reverses a steady trend toward more openness in government that had been growing since the Eisenhower years.

The new order makes it easier to suppress government documents because "top secret," "secret" and "confidential" labels will be mandatory rather than advisory whenever they are applicable. It also permits the reclassification of information already declassified.

The Center for National Security Studies, a Washington-based watchdog on civil liberties and openness in government, notes that the new order lowers the standard for classifying information by eliminating the requirement that the claimed harm to national security must be "identifiable."

It would seem that all this would make life much less interesting, but the part of the

order that reclassifies material — a direct reverse of a Jimmy Carter order — has resulted in some odd happenings in recent weeks as officials geared up to their new tasks.

Ralph McGee, a retired CIA officer writing a book on the agency, submitted his manuscript to the CIA for a security review two years ago. It was passed. But last year when McGee sent the agency a revised chapter he was told to delete passages that had been previously approved.

When he asked why the information had become secret in the intervening 12 months, he was told the original review had been a "mistake." McGee appealed and all but five sentences were reinstated. Under Reagan's new order all reclassified passages could have been withheld.

At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where a lot of the government's secret technical and scientific work is given to academics, a physicist was recently called by the CIA and asked how many copies he had made of a confidential report he had done for the government — and what he had done with copies.

One copy had been made for the head of his department, a professor, and the CIA said it must be retrieved. Unfortunately, the professor was on holiday and his office was locked. The physicist told the CIA who told him to break into the professor's office.



ALL-IMPORTANT TEA: Kashmiris beside their samovar. They make many different kinds of tea and often carry their samovar right with them.

the BUMBLES of mumbles

The other visitor

Prince Prinkle made haste towards the entrance to the cave. Dearlo and Toggler followed. As they approached the entrance it became dark again as each worm turned off his glow.

Dearlo looked in horror as he saw a big giant crab entering the cave and waving his pincers. Prince Prinkle put his shell horn to his mouth and his voice boomed out loud and clear, "Away with you, you nasty crab!"

The crab stopped at the sound of the voice. He had heard that a monster lived in the cave. But thought of the tasty periwinkles that could be caught near the entrance to the cave drew him on.

Dearlo signalled to Toggler to move back into the darkness of the cave. "Help me, Toggler. Round up all the glow-worms as quickly as you can." He hastily whispered the rest of his instructions to Toggler.

Toggler ran back into the cave and spoke to the glow-worms, telling them what to do

as quickly as possible.

Dearlo raced back into the cave and was pleased to see so many of the glow-worms. There seemed even more than had appeared on the roof. He picked up Prince Prinkle's horn and spoke with great concern in his voice.

"Glow-worms, I thank you for obeying my request to come down from the roof of your cave."

Dearlo could see that the glow-worms were giving him their full attention, so he continued, "I want you to form a ball and roll towards the entrance of the cave, but, most of all, I want you to shine with all your might as if your lives depended on it."

The glow-worms acted immediately. They started with one glow-worm, then another and another until all of them were in the shape of a ball. Then, as Dearlo had requested, they rolled towards the entrance, slowly but surely.

As they reached the cave entrance, Dearlo yelled, "Right, glow-worms, shine, shine with all your brightness!"

Well, what a sight it was. The light was so bright that even Dearlo was amazed and rubbed his eyes, dazzled by the glare.

At the outer edge of the cave, the giant crab had started to edge further and further in with renewed bravery that so far no monster had appeared. Then he stopped dead in his tracks as there, coming towards him, was a ball of unbelievable light. A light shining so bright that it was beginning to hurt his eyes. It was coming closer and closer. What kind of a monster was this?

Dearlo put the shell horn to his mouth and yelled:

"Away, away, you greedy crab, Before you end up on a slab. Go now! Be off! Don't hesitate, Go now, before it is too late. Never come back to this place again. Forbidden Territory is my domain."



GLOW-WORM BALL: As the giant crab edged further into the cave he was startled by a ball of unbelievable light.

Tell all the crabs 'Leave me alone', Forbidden Territory is my home."

The giant crab backed further and further out of the cave. He was so afraid of the oncoming light and the chanting voice that he did not realize that he had reached the edge of the cliff and, as he took one more step back, he fell.

Down, down over the rocks, clumsily clawing, he fell. He landed on his back and, with legs and pincers in the air, he knew that he was doomed as he could not straighten himself. He heard the voice boom its last message.

"I will not kill you crab. You can wait for the tide to come in and turn you over. I give you your life to return to your own kind and tell your friends about the monster that lives in Mumbles cave. Warn them that I shall not spare their lives if they trespass on my Forbidden Territory."

The last Dearlo saw of the crab, he was helplessly waving his claws in the air, look-

ing very sorry for himself. "I will, I will," the crab yelled back at the voice.

If you could have heard the cheers and yells of delight as the glow-worms carried Dearlo and Toggler high on their backs to the banquet hall, where Prince Prinkle was awaiting them. It was all so wonderfully happy.

Prince Prinkle signalled to Dearlo and Toggler to sit either side of his throne. Then he made a speech to his subjects who listened with happy smiles on their faces.

"Hear this, my bold subjects! Today we have made ourselves two very good friends. With their help I am sure that we have seen the last of the crabs for some time to come."

He turned to Dearlo and gave him a shield made from red coral. Dearlo felt so honored to be given such a gift.

"To commemorate your brave help to us this day, with thanks to you for ever Dearlo Bumble."

Prince Prinkle turned then to Toggler and

handed him a horn similar to the one he had used to frighten the crabs away. "Thank you very much," said Toggler, "I shall have lots of fun with this back home."

Later, as Dearlo and Tiggler clambered into their little boat and headed it towards Oystermouth Bay, they turned and waved to their friends at the cave entrance.

"Good-bye!" chorused Prince Prinkle and all the little periwinkles and glow-worms. "Come again! You will always be welcome on our territory."

"Good-bye," called Dearlo as he hoisted his sail to catch the wind. "What a wonderful adventure we've had today, Toggler. Forbidden Territory, indeed! It was one of the most welcoming places that I have ever visited."

Both Bumbles clutched their treasured gifts, looking forward to reaching home and telling Lillypop and the rest of their friends all about their exciting day.

Next week: The Unhappy Giant

Badgastein, Austria

Ideal for a summer or winter visit with hiking, skiing, spa treatment

By Dave Kaiser

Arab News Staff

JEDDAH — People who live and work in the Middle East have discovered Badgastein, Austria provides them with a complete change of scenery and climate and at the same time offers a variety of family activities, according to Joseph J. Flatscher, director of tourism.

With a population of only 5,600, Flatscher says Badgastein has all the quaintness of a small Austrian town, yet offers the facilities of a much larger resort area with a total of 105 hotels.

Badgastein has been well-known for many centuries for its thermal waters, hot springs and heating caves. Facilities exist there for spa beauty and physical fitness treatments at 82 of the hotels. All hotels also offer special sport and family vacations to encourage activities for both children and adults.

"Whether it is summer or winter, Badgastein offers something for everyone," explained Flatscher. "Our area is especially attractive to families from the Middle East because aside from the usual summer and winter sports we have special festivals which include Austrian folklore, culinary festivals, sports festivals, motor rallies and a complete variety of activities which will keep everyone active throughout their stay."

"And, if the activity becomes distracting, there are always the quite mountains nearby," he said. "Hiking is very popular during the summer, and of course, skiing during the winter."

Hiking and jogging, according to Flatscher, are very popular past-times in the spring, summer and fall. The peaceful little town offers scenic walking right through the center of the village with a variety of sights from quaint shops and restaurants, to the more modern discos and clubs.

Hiking and jogging paths are fairly level and routed to take visitors through the most scenic areas. Both hikers and skiers can visit the Kortschachal, a protected wildlife preserve where motor vehicles are prohibited. Several hotels also offer special vacation programs for joggers and hikers. Numerous hotels are within a short walk to special Kaiser, Elizabeth and Johann promenades. There are also other promenades in the forests where 10 mile walks or runs are possible over fairly flat terrain. One popular route is 20 miles long.

In the winter, of course, skiing is the major attraction with 51 ski lifts serving terrain up to 8,500 feet. These lifts provide access to more than 100 miles of ski runs and one ticket provides access to all lifts and free bus transportation.

According to Flatscher, novice skiers should not be intimidated by the Alpine elevations. Well-marked, really easy terrain is available from even the highest altitude, and because everything is so wide-open, unrestricted and free from trees even a novice skier can handle more difficult terrain by traversing, rather than heading down the fall line. Even the ski schools teach their novice classes at higher elevations.

Flatscher said that Austrian skiing is more than just another ski excursion, he described it as a way of life. Every kind of skiing is available in Badgastein from snowfields to

bowls, easy, gentle, playgrounds, steep-pitched terrain, moguls and runs within snowfields which are prepared and packed daily. It is possible to go from packed to unpacked snow at will. One other winter attraction is helicopter trips to the nearby mountain glaciers.

Another attraction is the spas offering steam, sauna, massage rooms, indoor and outdoor mineral pools. In the winter, Flatscher says, it is a real experience to come in from skiing and swim in a heated, Olympic-size indoor pool. It is possible to wade, chin-deep through a tunnel into the outdoor pool where cold night air and 100-degree water collide in a blanket of steam. Water jets on the bottom of the pool send up powerful bubbles and clear the steam from the water surface, allowing swimmers to view the surrounding snow and the snow-covered Austrian Alps nearby.

Flatscher says first-class hotels in Badgastein are very reasonably priced offering a room with three meals a day or an abbreviated two-meal a day version starting at about \$45. The meals include a breakfast buffet and sumptuous dinner.

Last year alone, according to Flatscher, there were more than 28,000 overnight guests who came to Badgastein from Middle East countries. One of this community's drawing points is its central location with shuttling services and transportation readily available to surrounding areas, Munich, Vienna and the rest of Europe. Many vacationers use Badgastein as their center of operations during their leave of absence.

Flatscher is originally from this area of Austria, but spent much of his professional career living in the Middle East and working in hotel management. During his visits back

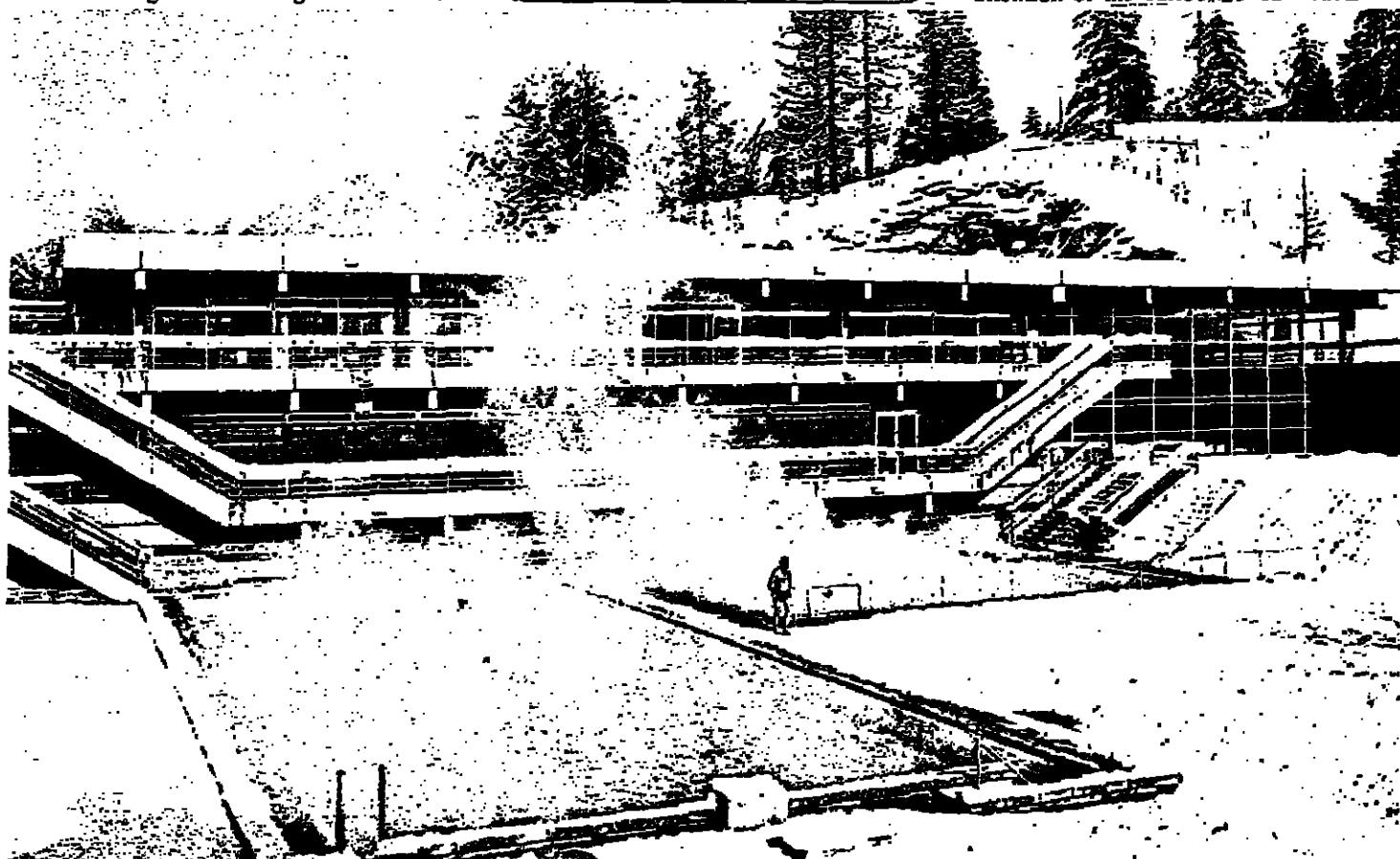
to Badgastein he was able to recognize the needs of both short- and long-term visitors to Badgastein and helped the tourist bureau there set up the services which were essential for tourists from the Middle East.

"We have a variety of organized sports, some for children and adults together and other for individuals," said Flatscher. "Many services are available to watch children, while a number of university students return home to Badgastein and are employed arranging services and activities for children."

The activities available in Badgastein are actually too many to list here but a few include: horseback riding, tennis, golf, hiking, swimming, cross country skiing, winter promenading, and indoor tennis and swimming.

Austrian Airlines offers direct connections from Jeddah and Dhahran to Vienna and then on to Salzburg. The drive from there to Badgastein is 60 minutes to the 600-year-old town and its neighboring villages in the Gastein Valley. Badgastein, one of the most beautiful spa sites in Europe, is located at a height of about 3,500 feet. The elegance of another world and another time remains there, with crystal chandeliers, oriental rugs, antique furniture and wall tapestries reminding the way Europe's affluent and royalty lived during the 19th century when they came to seek the curative powers of the natural mineral waters and vapors for which the valley is known.

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.



THERMAL POOL: After winter skiing it is possible to take a dip in an indoor pool and then walk through a tunnel into the outdoor pool where you are bathed in 100 degree water and at the same time surrounded by snow and the Alps.



SURROUNDED BY THE ALPS: Badgastein is surrounded on all sides by the Austrian Alps. Note the waterfall on the left where a mountain stream cascades right through the middle of town.

Development threatens Veddah tribe, chiefs appeal to Sri Lanka officials

By Mallika Wanigasundara

COLOMBO (Depthnews) — They were a strange and unusual group which drew the attention of the curious. Their headman is

Uruwarige Tissahamy, 83, with a long flowing white beard and a bushy white moustache. He wore a loin cloth which reaches his knees and nothing else.

His rugged face is lined with age, and his rather unkempt hair comes down to his shoulders. Whether he meets king or commoner he does not change his appearance or dress.

Tissahamy was accompanied by six others, similarly clad and chocolate brown and sun-burned like him. Among them were two of his sons, one of them a small boy with a curious look in his eyes. All of them carried the emblem of their ancient tribe — an axe slung over their bare shoulders.

They were in Colombo to meet Prime Minister R. Premadasa and his assistants and Labor Minister C.P.J. Senewiratne who is Tissahamy's friend. And during their stay, Tissahamy, the epitome of primitive traditionalism and rustic reticence, did the unusual by braving the cameras and a TV interview.

Tissahamy is the chief of the Veddah (literally meaning hunter) community, a prehistoric tribe of aboriginal cave-dwellers who have lived in Sri Lanka for over 3,500 years. For centuries, these tribesmen have lived in scattered clans in the arid southeastern lowlands of the Uva province, in the east and earlier in the central hilly regions.

It is a tribe which has lost its numbers through sickness, famine and a high death rate. These few persistent descendants of the Veddahs have continued to live in their forest habitats for centuries. They have never moved in search of new pastures and they have never been uprooted from their ancient environment.

But now this shy, primitive community, tracing its ancestry to dim antiquity, finds that "development" has caught up with its mem-

bers. They face the prospect of losing their traditional homelands with the development of the Mahaweli River diversion plan.

Tissahamy and his group were in Colombo to plead the cause of his community and avert such a catastrophe. He lives in Dambana in southeast Sri Lanka in a forest community of about 50 families. Here they roam at will hunting deer and monkey, living in their ramshackle huts and jungle hideouts — the true children of nature.

But under the Mahaweli scheme, his Dambana has been included in a 100,000-acre wildlife sanctuary. This means that Tissahamy and the members of his Veddah community will have to shift to other segments of the Mahaweli.

A much perturbed Tissahamy sat uncomfortably at the residence of the prime minister and refused to move. He said that "member wisher" to move he was free but not he.

He said: "We cannot change our life now; we live with nature and the jungle traditional home. We need the vegetation and the forests to live. We learn modern agricultural techniques."

With an age-old wisdom, he told the press that man must undergo change slowly. And change is what the Veddahs eschewed throughout their existence. They have been hunters and cave-dwellers, have lived by the bow and arrow, they use the gun. They eke out their existence by hunting animals, digging up tubers, fruits and herbs and collecting. Even now they seldom till the earth, some of them have learned paddy cultivation. They speak a Sinhala dialect. Their existence has taken its toll, number less than 1000 now.

Just arrive in Saudi Arabia? After initial adjustments, life is rewarding

By Dave Kaiser
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH — Living in Saudi Arabia is a daily learning process for expatriate women during which many questions continue to arise. Common questions asked by new arrivals include: Should I walk to the corner store? Is it safe to ride the bus?

Coming to the Kingdom to work and live involves many adjustments for expatriate wives — even expatriate women from other Arab countries often have trouble adjusting — and some expatriates live in Saudi Arabia for many years and never adjust because they are restricted to compounds and rarely venture out into the real world.

While life on a compound is envisioned by many as an idyllic existence, living in your own private world, this type of life is often very restrictive and boring. Some wives who live on a compound compare their lifestyle with that of prisoners. Many are not encouraged and sometimes even discouraged from venturing out of the compound.

The protected life on a compound contrasts greatly with that of the expatriate who moves directly into a company building or apartment located within the Arab community. In this situation, the expatriate wife often feels uncomfortable. During their initial few weeks in this new environment, even Arab women often ask the questions above and many are afraid to open their door when someone knocks.

Adjustment is a gradual process which involves becoming accustomed to the new environment. At first, even the new residence can be a very foreign and threatening place with some women even limiting their activities there.

Neighbors often play a key role in this adjustment process. One of the first knocks on the door after the husband has departed for his first day on the job will be the neighborhood welcoming committee of at least several neighborhood women who may bring some Arab cakes or candy and offer assistance with all types of things from cleaning up the apartment to bringing supplies from the store.

Even if the women in such a welcoming committee speak little or no English, just knowing that there is someone who will help and who cares is a tremendous help in adjusting. The biggest mistake some expatriate women make in coming to Saudi Arabia is often in refusing to open their door to such visitors and unwise husbands often instruct their wives not to open their door to anyone but the husband.

As life goes on around them, it soon becomes obvious to expatriate women that it is impossible to lock themselves in an apartment forever and they venture out — slowly. It could be during the first few weeks or may take longer, but sooner or later the expatriate woman will need something urgently at the store a block away and will think — "this is silly."

The first rule to remember upon venturing out in public in Saudi Arabia is to adhere to existing social rules and mores. Any expatriate who arrives in Saudi Arabia with the idea they are not going to change their style of living to match the Kingdom's rules is starting off on the wrong foot — this will make the adjustment all that much harder. Saudi Arabia is the home of the Islamic religion and appropriate dress should be worn at all times in public.

Even with a long dress and scarf, expatriate women often find their first walk to a store a block away is a fearsome experience because they feel, "everyone is staring at me."

Often everyone is staring at the expatriate

ate woman walking to the neighborhood store. The key to remember is that the stares are usually due to natural curiosity, just the same as you would stare if you had lived in one neighborhood for years in Britain or the United States and an Arab woman was walking down the street to YOUR corner store. After several walks to the store or elsewhere in the neighborhood the local community gets used to the stranger and the stares cease.

Women who wear less discreet clothing will often find they are not only being stared at, but often cars will stop and the drivers will make comments. This is due to the fact that your style of dress is considered very indiscreet and immoral.

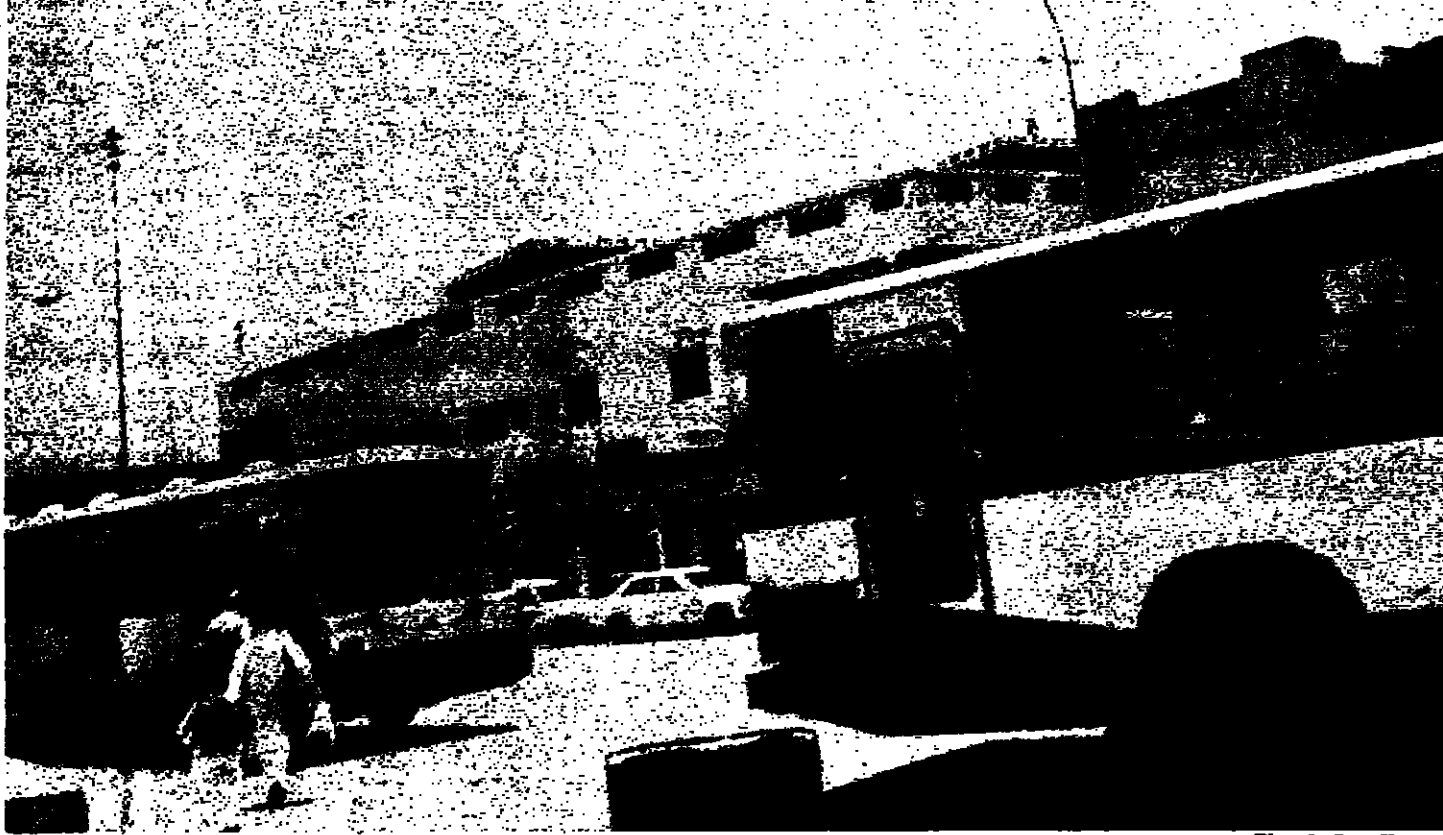
After several successful trips to the corner store and after recognizing that everyone seems to be quite helpful and friendly, the expatriate will in turn begin to broaden her horizons more. Perhaps it will be an opportunity to spend an afternoon at the main souk with a neighbor woman, or even alone.

One expatriate woman, who decided to make her first visit to the souk had her husband drop her in the afternoon with plans to return several hours later. As she left the car she noticed that the wind was picking up and by the time she had walked to the souk the sky was changing colors and it was getting windier.

When everyone began scurrying in all directions and pointing to the sky she had no idea what was happening or what to do. As the sand storm struck a passer-by motioned for her to take cover in a hallway in a nearby building.

Following those instructions she entered the hallway and was ushered to the far wall where the wind could not reach and where more than a dozen Arabs formed a protective circle around her.

About a half hour later, when the wind died down, everyone walked out into the souk and waved goodbye. She had learned a valuable lesson, that there was nothing to be afraid of at the souk, and more importantly, that Arabs revere women and protect them — even American women.



SAUDI TRANSPORTATION: Jeddah residents are lucky to have a very efficient transportation system. As shown on the SAPTCO bus at the right, special sections of every bus are reserved exclusively for women so they can travel in safety and comfort.

More valuable than gold

Attar of roses is essential in fine perfumes, Bulgaria's 'micro-region' grows Damascene roses

By Colia McIntyre

SOFIA (R) — What is more expensive than gold, has a beautiful smell and comes from Bulgaria? The answer is attar of roses, an essential ingredient in all high-quality perfumes, and Bulgaria produces 78 percent of the world supply.

The essence is obtained through double distillation from the oil-bearing Damascene rose, which grows better than anywhere else in the world in the small Kazanluk Valley some 200 kilometers (125 miles) from Sofia, where climate, soil and geography have combined to create a unique "micro-region".

Attar of roses is also produced in some other countries in the Middle East and Africa, but nowhere has it reached the perfection of the Bulgarian product. Efforts to transplant abroad the Kazanluk rose, thought to have originated in the Middle East or Asia, have proved disappointing.

Apart from geography and climate, officials involved in production like to cite what they call the human factor — a reference to

Bulgarians' traditional gardening skills that have enabled this country to feed itself and export agricultural produce while other Communist states with the same unwieldy, centralized economies are suffering food shortages.

While every effort has been made to modernize production, some stages in the complex, secret process remain unchanged since the first rose oil was extracted here 300 years ago.

The petals must be plucked just as they are in full bloom, and before sunrise, otherwise they lose some of their valuable compounds. At least 2,000 blossoms are needed to produce a single gram of attar of roses.

All this makes for an expensive product. According to officials at Bulgaria's state pharmaceutical company Pharmachim, which handles production of attar, one ounce (28 grams) currently brings around \$450 on the world market, compared to gold, which at present sells for around \$50 an ounce.

While annual production is a closely guarded secret, it is clearly a significant com-

modity in a country with few other natural resources, and which needs hard currency badly for Western technology to help develop its relatively young industry.

And Bulgaria appears to be in the enviable position of not only holding a virtual monopoly on production of top-grade attar of roses, but of producing for a seemingly insatiable market.

"We can sell everything we produce with no problem," Stefan Popov, a director of Pharmachim, said. "In fact there is a worldwide shortage of the best quality stuff, and that means Bulgarian."

Last year was a bad year for attar of roses. In the middle of April, just as the buds were beginning to bloom, temperatures suddenly plunged to minus 14 degrees Centigrade (7 degrees F.) destroying or damaging some of the crop.

This year looks encouraging, with the show at present carpeting most of the country promising to delay the blooming process, leaving the buds more chance of emerging in warmer weather.

A pioneering personality

Woman engineer installs solar-powered traffic lights

By Malika Wanigasundara

COLOMBO (Depthnews) — The newest thing in traffic lights are the solar-powered lights installed in Colombo. Premila Jayasundara, a woman electronics engineer, is the pioneering personality behind this project.

Colombo, burdened with heavy electric bills, gave attention to the device when Miss Jayasundara offered it to the municipality on a sale-or-return basis. She planned, organized and supervised their installation in the

heart of the city, near the town hall.

The device is neat-looking and simple, without the dozens of connections and systems of wires and switches that usually clutter sophisticated equipment. Its main components are a four-by-two-and-a-half-foot cabinet with a battery and the solar panels. Solar energy from the panels charge the batteries which store the energy for controlling the signals. Self-sufficient, the system functions automatically on an electronic switching device.

But suppose there are severe spells of rain?

Miss Jayasundara says she has yet to work out this problem but in any case, the batteries store 72 hours of power. The system may then be attached to the main so that power is supplied automatically when solar energy is totally consumed.

In addition, the signals are equipped with minutely programmed sensors which make them capable of sizing up traffic load and turning red or green as the flow demands. Electrically operated signals, in contrast, are programmed to change within a fixed time span regardless of how light or congested the traffic situation may be.

Not only that. According to Miss Jayasundara, the whole system can be integrated into a sophisticated computerized program with pedestrian crossings, press button controls, detectors which time moving vehicles on different routes, sensors on cars for VIPs so that routes are cleared automatically, and closed circuit television. However, this is yet for the future.

For now, Miss Jayasundara only wishes to improve Colombo's traffic system. She hopes to negotiate with the Colombo municipality for the installation of another set of lights in Maradana. Should the system catch on, it would be a boon not only to the city in terms of savings on electricity, but also to impatient motorists and to the traffic police who have to stand in the sun and direct traffic.

Miss Jayasundara graduated from the Moratuwa University which turns out engineers and other technically qualified persons. She teamed up with her husband Quentin, also a telecommunications engineer, to set up a small firm called Jay-Es Electronics.

Located in an old reconditioned house in the Colombo suburb of Kirillapaya, Jay-Es Electronics strikes one as a modest undertaking. It employs 72 people, including six women, majority of whom are out all day in

their radio-equipped vehicles attending to maintenance jobs or supervising new undertakings.

But from her small office, Miss Jayasundara who is chief engineer of the firm and a director, carries out fairly large projects both for the private and public sectors. The work chiefly involves radio connections and telecommunication linkups.

One of the very first jobs Miss Jayasundara undertook with the firm was an electronic exchange for the five-star Oberoi Hotel. Since then she has completed 65 private exchanges and is about to complete several more.

A whiz in her line of work, this woman engineer has installed point to point radio communication for the Electricity Board of Sri Lanka, a VHF network for the Board's mobile radios, and radio connections for several public sector corporations. She has assembled telephones for the Telecommunications Department and fixed telephone exchange for several hotels and around the country.

One of her first jobs in the public sector was to install a rural telephone exchange for a provincial town, costing about £75,000 (\$142,000).

Among her bigger client corporations is the State Development and Construction Agency which is undertaking big projects under the Mahaweli River diversion plan. She will provide the communication linkups by radio and telephone for Victoria, one of the scheme's bigger hydropower projects.

The six women in Jay-Es Electronics assemble and repair telephones. Five of them trained at the National Apprentice Board while one was trained on the job by Miss Jayasundara.

Women are adept at this kind of painstaking, intricate task, she says.

Keep fit, grow slim, yoghurt diet will help

By Jessica Thompson

Dinner:

JEDDAH — If you would like to keep fit while growing slim, perhaps yoghurt is the answer for you. Most doctors will tell patients that when they are overweight they are not over-nourished. The fact is that many such patients are very undernourished.

Overweight persons often get that way because they have been taking in too many calories and taking too little nutrition. The problem in reducing is to make sure you get the nutritive elements of protein, calcium and vitamins that your system must have to function well and at the same time cut down on the number of calories you take in every day.

Here are some reasons why yoghurt helps you keep fit while it helps you grow slim. Lactic acid is an important factor in weight reduction and there is three times more lactic acid in yoghurt than in other fermented foods. Yoghurt is an excellent aid to regularity. Yoghurt is one of the best protein foods — proteins burn up excess fat in the tissues. Proteins also stimulate the body to do exercise and physical work. Yoghurt satisfies and helps to banish between-meal hunger.

YOGHURT REDUCING DIET

1250 Calories Daily — It is possible to lose 10 pounds or more a month with this diet. A sensible approach to any reducing diet is to check with your doctor first.

Breakfast:

½ cup yoghurt mixed thoroughly with ½ cup fruit or fruit juice.
1 slice whole-wheat bread (no butter); OR small serving of oatmeal with milk (no sugar).
Coffee or tea, if desired: no cream or sugar.

Mid-Morning Snack:

1 cup fruit juice or tomato juice mixed half and half with yoghurt.

Lunch:

4 or 5 oz. serving of lean meat fish or one egg 1 slice whole-wheat or rye bread; or one small boiled or baked potato.
4 oz. serving of vegetable. Choice of stewed tomatoes, string beans, spinach, cauliflower or other green vegetables.
4 oz. serving yoghurt.

You may substitute vegetable serving with a green vegetable salad with Yoghurt or lemon dressing.
Coffee, tea or milk if desired.

Black berets popular

French put fashion in right perspective

By Joan Harrison

PARIS (LOS) — It has taken a Socialist government in France to blend together culture and culture by installing the twice-yearly French ready-to-wear fashion shows in the shadow of the world's most renowned museum, the Louvre.

Recently, 40 stylists and creators, from the couture king Yves Saint Laurent to the most avant garde Japanese designers, showed 6,000 models to around 2,000 buyers and journalists from all over the world.

It was a marathon entertainment, given a good start by the French minister of culture, who as well as promising a Paris fashion museum and a permanent center for the shows, let the stylists and ready-to-wear firms set up their tents outside the Louvre under the windows of the French Ministry of Finance.

As French couture brings in more money to treasury coffers than the French steel industry, it was time an effort was made to give the industry a boost. It has been a fairly operation, with exhibitors paying an hourly tent rental of between \$6,400 and \$9,600.

Everything possible is done to attract the foreign buyer, for 60 percent of the revenue of the French couture industry comes from them. The latest figures show that the average French woman spends only 6 percent of her budget on clothes.

After two days of the shows, a word of warning had to be given to the organizers by the captain of the Paris Fire Brigade. A surfeit of decibels from the amplified music accompanying the shows was vibrating the mummy cases in the vaults of the Louvre.

The high spot of the jamboree was the Yves Saint Laurent Rive Gauche ready-to-wear collection, where the entire audience in the packed tent rose to their feet to applaud Saint Laurent for a display that seemed to put 1982 autumn and winter fashions into their right perspective.

Saint Laurent continued to treat black as a color, as he did in his haute couture collections in January, out off his taffeta evening gowns to the knee, put fringes down the side of his jodhpur pants, used mohair and velvet to soften down his crisp lines and treated dyed swansdown feathers like fur.

Skirts were knee-length with wide belts, worn with blouses finishing either with stiff or floppy bow ties.

Nearly all the models wore black velvet berets — the fashion accessory for the winter. Most of the designers showed them, not just Saint Laurent. With the short skirts went suede boots, some trimmed with leather bows, others a mixture of suede and heavy moire silk.

The predominant material was velvet used for skirts, knickerbockers, jackets and accessories.

At root of some divorces

Jeans causing headaches for conservative males

MANILA (Depthnews) — Denims-maker Levi Strauss must have had in mind only the comfort of Old West workers when he came out with his first batch of American workman's jeans in the 1800s. He had probably not reckoned on the jeans' evolution into an all-class, all-race, all-purpose attire — much less on the fact that it is now causing so much headache among conservative males in India.

Gist of the stir is that more and more Indian women are shedding the sari in favor of denim pants. And some men, especially husbands, just cannot take it.

For instance, JPD of Patna says his marriage began cracking up right after the wedding ceremony, when his bride promptly donned a pair of jeans to join the guests.

Deaf to his objections, the wife became so addicted to jeans that she even slept in them, according to JPD. Six months later, the piqued man was suing for divorce.

Jeans-wearing, too, got the goat of Indian Chief Justice Y.V. Chandrachud, who forbade its use by young lawyers appearing before the tribunal in New Delhi. For being jeans-clad, a senior advocate's female assistant was asked by the Justice to leave the court.

"Is there a shortage of saris?" he reportedly asked in anger.

Many husbands do not mind either mode of attire, but in private, both being eloquent descriptors of the human form. Nor does the average Indian male, who probably keeps an open eye as well as an open mind on every figure-hugging fashion that comes along.

Thus, at best, Chandrachud's opinion would have been heard, heeded for a while, then forgotten.

But the women were not about to let it pass, not so much because they all love jeans as for what the prohibition implies: infringement on women's rights.

Following the Justice's ban, a debate was launched on the women-in-jeans issue by *Femina*, a widely circulated women's magazine in Bombay. "Can a woman be damned (in court) for wearing the pants?" it challenged.

Continued the magazine: "In Africa men wear long, loose gowns and so do their women. In China and Japan, traditional clothing for both men and women is not entirely dissimilar. And anyone with the faintest idea of what is worn by women in the West could realize that 'the pants' are not the monopoly of males."

"Jeans can be as practical for women as they are for men. The millions of women around the world wearing them are sufficient evidence of this."

The opposite camp, on the other hand, has accused the attire of dispossessing women of their femininity. Once in pants, women assume a different style of walking and talking as if they have turned tomboys, is the common complaint.

A medical man agrees that jeans tend to affect the psyche of some women. He said: "A change of attire does change one's attitudes and behavioral patterns. For instance, if men took to wearing skirts and saris, they would surely start acting like women."

Shrimp is a welcome addition to any menu

By Rene Le Moul
Hotel Alsatian Meridien
head chef

SHRIMPS WRAPPED IN LEEKS
(Scaillons)
Ingredients
(Serving six people)

30 Large shrimps
1 ½ Kg. of leeks (large)
½ Liter of fresh cream
Salt & Pepper
A dash of oil
3 Sticks of celery

Preparation

Peel the shrimp and wash them care-fully.

Cut off the gapes of the leeks and cut the white into lengths of 10 cm. Cut the lengths into one half.

obtain the necessary leaves. Put 30 leaves on one side.

With the rest of the leeks cut them into thin strips and wash them carefully. Put them in a pan with the celery sticks chopped into small pieces and the ½ liter of cream, salt and pepper and let them cook slowly for 15 to 20 minutes.

Wash the leaves of the leeks and put them in well salted boiling water for 2 to 3 minutes. Rinse them in cold water and place them on a dry cloth. Salt and pepper them and place one shrimp in each leaf. Salt and pepper the shrimps and wrap them in the leaves.

Fry the prepared shrimps in a pan with the oil (limited quantity) for two minutes on each side over a lively flame.

Dress the shrimps on a serving dish in circular fashion and pour the cream of leeks into the center serve.

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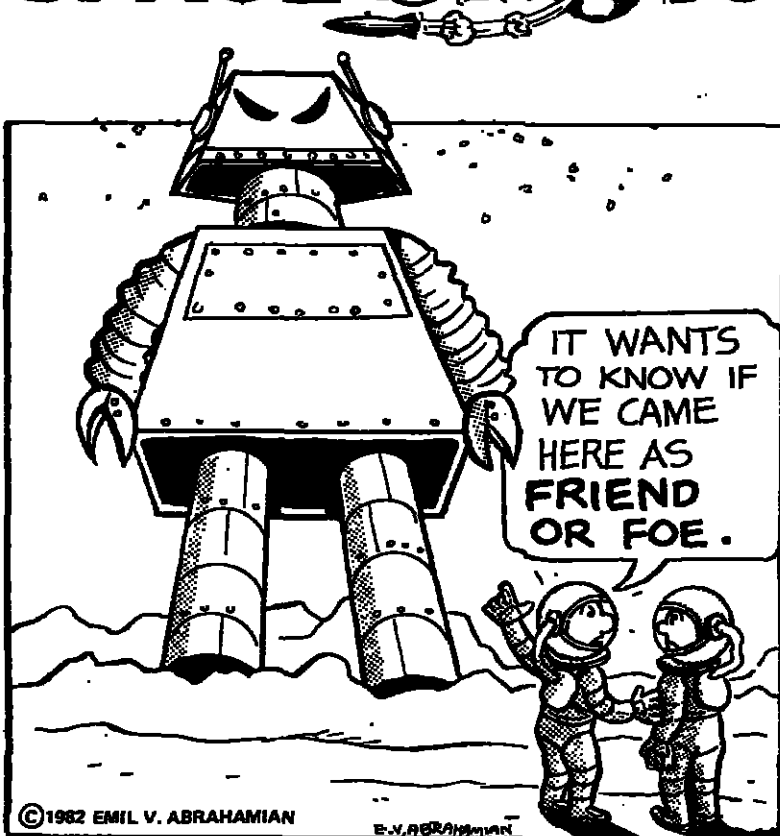
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IMPRESSIONS



SPACE SHOTS



SPACE LOG: THE SATURN-V ROCKET USED FOR THE APOLLO-11 SPACE FLIGHT WAS 60 FEET TALLER THAN THE STATUE OF LIBERTY AND ONE HALF THE HEIGHT OF THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1982

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
You'll meet with some opposition now. Do your best to cooperate with close ties. Attend to budgets and curb extravagance.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Safeguard your health. It's not a good time for strenuous sports. You'll get attention from others, but should try to downplay ego.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Love problems may lead to

self-analysis. It's a time to reassess the basic goals of life. Don't abuse health and diet in the evening.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
Social life picks up now, with mixed results. You may decide to be more discriminating in your choice of friends and acquaintances.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
You'll meet with career opportunity, but must avoid ostentatious display. You'll

have mixed feelings about losing money.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Travelers should be careful of belongings and also check their schedules. A philosophical difference with another is liable to surface.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
The emphasis is on book-keeping and putting accounts in order. Guard against carelessness, impulsiveness and errors in judgment.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Romantic relationships are accented, but your tendency is to go overboard. Avoid premature commitments and unwarranted trust.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
You may run into assorted

work problems now, which indicates it's time to clarify objectives and to seek ways to increase efficiency.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
You'll place a greater emphasis on going out for good times, yet you'll have to guard against overdoing. Aim for moderation.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Try to avoid errors in judgment regarding purchases for the home. Apartment-hunters may tend to spend beyond their means.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
You're inclined to scatter your energies now. Don't make more commitments than you can handle, or be sidetracked by trivial interests.



UH... ERR... ISN'T IT GOING TO FULFIL YOUR FONDEST DESIRE TO SAVE FUEL AND REACH YOUR OFFICE QUICKER WITHOUT UNDERGOING THE HAZARDS OF TRAFFIC JAMS?!


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SAUDI ARABIA	Line and Sat	Program
FRIDAY	7:59 To the Manor Born/Ep. A Bee-Eater	4:00 Line House on the Program
8:30 Opening	8:27 Movie of the Week-French Connection 11	5:00 Football
Quran	8:30 News	6:30 Our Green Land
The Friday Canon	8:30 News	7:00 Religious Talk
Cartoons	8:30 News	7:30 Local News
Children's Series	8:30 News	8:00 Dallas
Arabic Programs	8:30 News	8:35 The Quran Explained
Religious Programs	8:30 News	9:00 Arabic Drama
Real Suspense	8:30 News	10:00 World News
Friday Prayer Live	8:30 News	10:30 Light on Incidents
Religious Talks	8:30 News	11:00 King Fu
News in a Week	8:30 News	
Selected Item	8:30 News	
Children's Programs	8:30 News	
Cartoons	8:30 News	
Religious Talks	8:30 News	
From the Culture	8:30 News	
8:15 English News	8:30 News	
9:00 Arabic Series	8:30 News	
Daily Arabic Series	8:30 News	
Weekly Arabic Series	8:30 News	
Classroom	8:30 News	
Dhahran	8:30 News	
100 NBA Basketball/76.	8:30 News	
5x5 News	8:30 News	
2:30 Pro Bowlers Tour/2/13/82	8:30 News	
3:41 Children's Show/ Cartoons	8:30 News	
3:49 Movie Machine/Rocky Mountain Rains	8:30 News	
5:19 ABC's Queens Grant and Smiff/Horse Sense	8:30 News	
6:19 Beatles' Collection/ Super Session Part 11	8:30 News	
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On nuclear energy

Chancellor Schmidt gets party support

MUNICH, West Germany, April 22 (Agencies) — West Germany's ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD) swung behind Chancellor Helmut Schmidt Thursday in a key vote on the disputed issue of nuclear energy.

After appeals from Schmidt, the SPD annual congress in Munich rejected a motion, backed by critics of nuclear power, calling for a two-year embargo on the construction of new atomic power stations.

The vote went in Schmidt's favor on a show of hands. It was the first of two scheduled during the day on issues which have badly shaken party unity in recent months. The 440 delegates were also deciding whether to renew party backing for the 1979 NATO decision to deploy new American medium-range missiles in West Europe next year unless U.S.-Soviet talks in Geneva bring results by then.

Schmidt has pinned his career on implementing NATO decision. He has been challenged at the congress by left-wingers who want the deployment plan dropped or at least suspended for the duration of the Geneva talks.

Victory for Schmidt on the nuclear energy question was qualified by a noticeable shift against him in elections to the national executive, held simultaneously with the congress debate. The chancellor was re-elected vice chairman with 365 votes in his favor, the same as at the last party elections in 1979, but the number of votes against him nearly doubled Thursday.

Party Chairman Willy Brandt, more popular with the SPD left than Schmidt, collected 385 votes to continue in the job he has held since 1964.

Johannes Rau, minister-president of north Rhine-Westphalia, was elected second vice chairman, by 367 votes — two more than Schmidt. Rau, a pastor's son, is rising fast within the party, and is seen as a possible successor as chancellor. At only 51, he is minister-president in a major working class region and is widely seen as capable of restoring the flagging popularity of the Social Democrats.

The minister has avoided being too closely associated with any one faction, leaving him in an excellent position to rally party unity at a difficult time.

On the missiles issue, senior SPD officials predicted the congress would reject an amendment calling for a freeze on their deployment in Europe. An SPD national executive member privately forecast the vote would go 70-30 against a freeze, while others said the majority could be slightly smaller. But the officials said even such a clear majority would not heal the SPD's internal divisions over the missiles policy.

U.S. cargo ships converted into aircraft carriers

NEWPORT NEWS, Virginia, April 22 (AP) — The U.S. Navy says it has developed kits that convert cargo ships into aircraft carriers, and will test the system on the high seas in October.

A commercial ship needs just 300 feet (100 meters) of unobstructed deck for the system to work, the Navy said. The ships would be outfitted with helicopters or British-made Harrier jets, which take off vertically.

The British reportedly have put merchant vessels to sea to supplement the two aircraft carriers it sent to the South Atlantic because of the takeover of the Falkland Islands by Argentina. However, the director of the U.S. operation, dubbed Project Arapahoe, James Mulquin, said the British are using the converted ships as plane ferries, not carriers.

The project, under study for 11 years, has been conducted jointly with the British and has been of interest to other NATO countries, including West Germany and Canada. Mulquin said the system includes everything needed to operate air operations from a cargo ship, at a savings of time and money.

The idea is to package an entire flight facility — maintenance space, aviation shops, power plants, fuel cells, control towers, ready rooms, ammunition magazines and accommodation vans for 80 additional crewmen — into 60 shipping containers.

The system is scheduled to be loaded onto a commercial ship at Norfolk international terminal in October for tests off the Virginia coast, the Navy said.

The primary mission of the converted ships would be protecting ocean-going convoys, mostly from submarine attack, Mulquin said.

Italian Socialists stay

ROME, April 22 (R) — Italian Socialists pulled back Thursday from a confrontation with their dominant Christian Democratic partners which threatened to wreck the governing five-party coalition. A meeting of Socialist leaders decided to stay in Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini's 10-month-old government despite a fierce row over controversial remarks by a Christian Democratic minister.



Chancellor Helmut Schmidt

Brezhnev appears on television

MOSCOW, April 22 (Agencies) — Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev Thursday appeared on television as he attended a public ceremony at the Kremlin marking the 112th anniversary of the birth of Lenin. It was the first time that the 75-year-old Soviet President had been seen in public since March 25, and his appearance cut short speculation that he was seriously ill, observers said.

Officials had said that he was taking a "winter holiday", but rumors circulated among the foreign community here that he had been admitted to hospital. But during his appearance Thursday, Brezhnev seemed to be in good health.

Maintaining a policy of not commenting directly on Brezhnev's health, the Soviet government sought to quell speculation by announcing in a Pravda newspaper interview last Saturday to meet U.S. President Ronald Reagan at a summit next fall in a neutral European country. Western analysts said the unexpected proposal may have been designed to stifle rumors that his faction was no longer in charge at the Kremlin.

4 U.S. women scale Nepal peak

KATHMANDU, Nepal, April 22 (Agencies) — Four members of an American women's Himalayan expedition have conquered the 22,494-foot Mount Ama Dablam, the Nepalese Ministry of Tourism announced Thursday. It was the first time the peak in northeast Nepal had been scaled by women.

Shari Kenarney, a 30-year-old climbing instructor from Lander reached the summit Tuesday afternoon accompanied by Lucy Smith, 31, a games instructor, Susan Havens, 33, a physical therapist from Anchorage, Alaska, and Stacy Allison, 24, a climbing instructor.

The women climbed up the south Ridge, the route used in 1961 when the mountain was scaled for the first time. They began their final assault Sunday from their camp 3 at 20,664 feet, according to Tany Lee Erwin, the base-camp manager of the nine-woman team.

The ministry announcement added that a second attempt would be made Thursday by other members of the expedition, which is led by Susan Giller, 36, a mountain guide from Boulder, Colorado. All team members were said to be in good health and high spirits.

Jawara escapes unhurt in mishap

BANJUL, Gambia, April 22 (AP) — Gambian President Sir Dawda K. Jawara escaped unhurt from a helicopter accident 200 kms east of the Banjul, the capital of the West African nation, a communique from the Gambian Information Ministry said Thursday.

The announcement said Sir Dawda, 57, was shaken in the accident Wednesday afternoon during an election campaign trip. He was taken to the hospital where his doctors told him to rest at home for several days. The announcement gave no details on what happened to the other passengers of the helicopter nor the circumstances of the accident.

The helicopter was provided to Sir Dawda by the Senegalese Army under terms of a pact creating a federated state of the two countries called Senegambia on Feb. 1. Presidential and legislative elections are scheduled in Gambia May 4-5.

With the help of 2,000 Senegalese troops, Sir Dawda was reinstated as president of Gambia last July a week after rebels attempted to overthrow him and install a Marxist-Leninist regime. Gambia, a former British Colony, is almost entirely surrounded by French-speaking Senegal.

Can cut sunshine reaching earth Americans discover 'monster' cloud

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22 (AP) — Scientists using a U-2 reconnaissance plane have discovered a "monster" cloud of volcanic debris high in the atmosphere that could affect weather by cutting the amount of sunshine reaching the earth. A NASA pilot said it was so dense he could look through it straight at the sun without hurting his eyes.

Scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center said Wednesday the cloud is one of the largest ever discovered. They said it carries more volcanic debris than any other similar cloud found in the northern hemisphere since the 1912 eruption of Alaska's Mount Katmai volcano.

The cloud is so high, more than 88,000 feet or 13 miles, and so dense, at least 2 miles thick, that it so far has been beyond direct reach of the U-2. It stretches from Baja California across the Pacific and Indian Oceans to Saudi Arabia, some 13,000 miles, but its total area was not known.

"It's a monster cloud and quite a big deal," said Brian Toon, an atmospheric scientist at Ames. "It's so high we can't even get to it." Toon said the cloud "obviously" comes from the powerful March 29 eruption of El Chichon volcano in Southeast Mexico, which killed at least 22 persons and left thousands homeless.

The cloud could lower the earth's temperature by at least 1 degree Fahrenheit without causing much effect, Toon speculated, but local impact could be much greater.

With a cloud that dense "the real problem could be climatic changes that, localized, could cause droughts and heat waves. There is that potential to happen. In any one place it could become 10 degrees hotter or 10 degrees colder. But it's beyond the realm of science to predict that," Toon said.

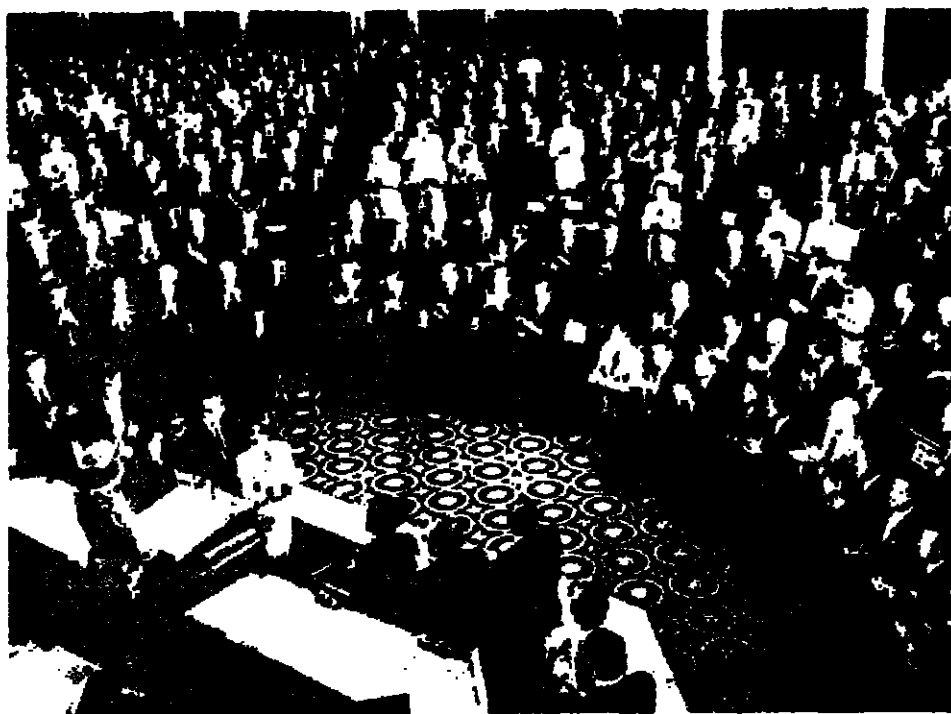
The cloud was discovered April 15 by NASA U-2 pilot Bob Erickson, who was on a routine atmospheric research mission. "It looks like a typical cloud in color and density, but it's not. I could look right at the sun and it didn't bother me" because of the

density, he said.

Officials of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said researchers at the Mauna Loa observatory in Hilo, Hawaii, had determined that the cloud is nearly 100 times denser than the so-called "mystery cloud" observed in January, and 100 times as dense as that measured over Hawaii after the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens in Washington.

"It's already causing sunlight to be reduced and it can be seen best over Hawaii," Toon said. "From a satellite, it's been seen as a grayish-whitish haze from Mexico to Saudi Arabia."

The cloud reveals itself in spectacular sunsets and sunrises, with unusually intense red and yellow colors. Such clouds normally are invisible to the naked eye in the daytime, but this one is dense enough to "give a washed out and milky appearance to the usually clear and deep blue skies of Hawaii," according to Mauna Loa researcher Kinsell Coulson and Thomas Deffoor.



STANDING OVATION: Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands receives a standing ovation after addressing a joint session of the U.S. Congress Wednesday.

In address to U.S. Congress

Beatrix calls for N-arms cut

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP) — Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands has called for a "balanced, controlled reduction" of nuclear weapons in a speech before a joint session of the U.S. Congress.

"The paradox that only by the threat of direct destruction can we hope to deter war is weighing ever more heavily on the minds of many in my country, and also elsewhere," the Dutch queen said, Wednesday.

"Nothing would seem to us more desirable than achieving a balanced, controlled reduction of arms on all sides, particularly a reduction in all those weapons that threaten to destroy civilization itself, indeed all life on this planet," she told Congress.

In a wide-ranging review of international relations, Beatrix said that because of "the worsening situation in the world, we regard it

as essential that the trans-Atlantic dialogue be intensified." The United States and Europe, she said, should consider each other's interests and opinions and "involve one another in every decision that might affect us both."

She urged closer cooperation economically as well as militarily. "The United States should not keep her foresight and energy to herself, but should direct them toward global interests and help the Western economic systems to overcome the present serious recession."

The prosperity of every European country, she said, "depends on the economic and financial policies pursued by the United States of America." Beatrix also called for protests against human rights violations "no matter where" they occur.

2 Irishmen hurt in nail-bomb ambush

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland, April 22 (AP) — Two civilians were wounded, one of them seriously, early Thursday in a guerrilla nail-bomb ambush apparently aimed at security forces in Northern Ireland's second-largest city, police reported.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack, but police sources blamed the Provisional Irish Republican Army. The ambush followed a province-wide IRA car-bomb blitz that killed two civilians and caused damage estimated at one million pounds (\$1.8 million) Tuesday and Wednesday.

A police spokesman said an anonymous

caller telephoned a Londonderry newspaper claiming a bomb had been planted in a shop doorway in Carlisle Road in central Londonderry. The nail-bomb exploded in a garbage can further down the street soon after police left the area.

"We believe the warning was designed to lure security forces into the area so they could be hit by the bomb in the garbage can," the spokesman said. "It looks like the ambush didn't work."

The Catholic IRA is fighting to end British rule in Protestant-dominated Northern Ireland. It seeks to unite the province with the Catholic Irish Republic.

Marcos foes form 'grand opposition'

MANILA, Philippines, April 22 (AP) — Twelve Filipino opposition groups formed a new political coalition Thursday with a vow to end President Ferdinand E. Marcos' rule.

The new grouping, dubbed the "grand coalition," marks the latest attempt by the Philippines' splintered opposition forces to unify their ranks in their bid to unseat Marcos, in power for 16 years. Previous unification efforts were hindered by internal differences.

Nationalista Party Assemblyman Salvador Laurel, 52, elected "acting" coalition president, said the coalition could be the forerunner of a unified opposition party that would challenge the government party in the 1984 parliamentary elections.

Former Sen. Eva Estrada Kalaw of the Liberal Party was chosen acting executive vice president. Some of the top Liberal Party leaders including former Sen. Benigno S. Aquino live in exile in the United States.

The Nationalists and Liberal parties are the two oldest political parties in the country, alternating in power until Marcos, himself a former Nationalista, declared martial law in 1972 and formed his own ruling New Society Party. Marcos lifted martial law in 1981.

Besides the Nationalists and Liberal parties, the coalition also includes 10 regional opposition groups, with mainly provincial followings. The 12 groups in the new coalition are the same that formed the United Democratic Opposition (UNIDO), an alliance that boycotted last year's presidential election. UNIDO has been inactive since.

Laurel comes from one of the country's oldest political families, being the son of the late Philippine President Jose Laurel Sr. A former law professor, he entered politics in 1967 when he was elected senator, but he never finished the term because Marcos abolished Congress after proclaiming martial law.

Laurel told reporters that under the coalition set-up, the member parties will retain their respective identities but will act as one body "in realizing their common goal of terminating dictatorship in the country."

In another development, Benigno S. Aquino, sentenced to death before he was allowed to return to Manila with the body of former Sen. Gerardo Roxas, a top opposition leader said Thursday.

Salvador Laurel said opposition members here have reached a consensus against Aquino's return at this time because he might be "stepping into a trap." Aquino is widely accepted as Marcos' strongest political rival.

The president has said Aquino would be subject to the law if he returns. Aquino faces a death sentence in a subversion and murder case decided by a military court and charges of being behind a series of terrorist bombings in Manila in 1980. These charges also carry a possible death penalty. Marcos has the power to pardon him but has not said he would.

Roxas, president of the Liberal Party, died in a New York hospital Monday of a liver ailment. His body is to be returned to Manila Friday. Roxas, who kept a low profile during most of eight years of martial law, went to the United States last year for tumor treatment. Marcos, in mourning Roxas, called him "the most decent of the opposition leaders."

2 Spanish guards hurt

BARCELONA, April 22 (AFP) — Two Spanish civil guards were slightly wounded Thursday in a bomb explosion at the Valldiera police barracks near here, officials blamed on Catalan nationalist groups though not immediately claimed.

Civil guard authorities said it was committed by the Catalan independence movement Terra Lliure (free land) in northeast Spain, which has attacked police targets on several occasions in recent months. On Tuesday evening ETA-M claimed responsibility for a series of six attacks in the Spanish Basque country, Madrid and Barcelona last week.

Malaysians vote; ruling front parties sure to win

KUALA LUMPUR, April 22 (Agencies) — Malaysians voted Thursday for a new national parliament and 11 state legislative assemblies in an election that was expected to bring an easy victory for the ruling coalition. Results were expected early Friday.

Politicians and Western diplomatic observers said the vote would favor the 12-party National Front coalition of Prime Minister Mahathir Muhammad for a sixth consecutive five-year term. Opposition parties concede they can't form the government.

Election Commission headquarters here, which monitored the progress of polling, said the turnout which was slow in the morning picked up later. Both the Election Commission and the police operations room reported the situation as "absolutely normal" throughout the country with no incidents reported.

Among early voters were Mahathir Muhammad and his wife who voted in their home town of Alor Star in the northern Kedah state. Mahathir was expected to fly back here to watch the progress of the counting and later give a press conference. Deputy Prime Minister Musa Hitam was returned unopposed to parliament from his southern Johore state constituency.

Thursday's voting was to pick 142 members of parliament and 293 legislative assembly members in 11 states. The ruling National Front has already won 12 parliamentary seats and 15 state seats uncontested, while the opposition Conservative Parti Islam has three assembly seats.

The other major contestant is the opposition Democratic Action Party which had 13 members in the dissolved parliament.

During the two-week campaign, the opposition had asked voters to give them one-third of the parliamentary seats to deprive the National Front of powers to amend the constitution.

The National Front held 133 seats in parliament and controlled all of the 11 state assemblies. The politicians and Western diplomats say the opposition will not get the one-third majority they want and the arrangement of the seats was expected to remain about the same.

There are 6.1 million eligible voters in the rich Southeast Asian nation with a population of about 13 million. Voting is not compulsory, and usually about 60 to 70 percent of the eligible voters cast ballots.

The politicians and Western diplomats said they expected no major changes in the country's anti-Communist and pro-Western foreign policy of the National Front government.

Fire forces 1,500 out of U.S. homes

ANAHEIM, California, April 22 (AP) — A state of emergency has been declared in the wake of a firestorm that started when an electric spark from a fallen power line leaped from roof to roof in 60-mile-per-hour winds, forcing up to 1,500 persons out of their homes and causing \$50 million in damage.

The notorious dry winds known as the Santa Anas and the wood-shingle roofs of many of the 50 buildings destroyed by the fire Wednesday helped make the inferno the worst in history of Orange County, home of Disneyland, officials said. At least eight persons were injured.

As the evacuees whose houses and apartments were burned sought shelter with friends or relatives, or in hotels that opened their doors to help, Anaheim fire chief Bob Simpson said it was "God's own miracle" no one died.

The winds, which gusted up to 100 mph in Fontana, 30 miles away, died down by noon and the fire was put out. "It looks like some kind of war-ravaged area. It's a terrible thing to see," Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. said after flying over the mile-square fire area in a helicopter.

Brown declared a state of emergency in Anaheim, the first step toward making fire victims eligible for up to \$55,000 in federal loans.

The firestorm was touched off shortly before 6 a.m. Wednesday when winds downed a power line which set the fronds of a palm tree ablaze. The buildings it destroyed included 334 apartment units.

Police spokesman Werner Raes said two residents suffered heart attacks in the fire. A third civilian, one police officer and three firefighters suffered minor injuries. The fire left an eerie landscape of charred ruins, an occasional standing wall and a backdrop of towering palm trees that had escaped the flames.

"At the height of the fire we evacuated more than 2,000 people," Simpson said. "We now estimate that between 1,200 and 1,300 are displaced."

Simpson described the fire as the worst in Orange County history, and other southern California fire officials said it was the worst non-brush blaze they could remember. Simpson estimated the damage at \$30 million. Santa Ana winds occur when a low pressure system develops off the coast, drawing dry, northeasterly winds off the inland desert.

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Bangkok	25	77	33	91	clear	Montreal	5	41	10	50	cloudy
Beirut	17	63	22	72	clear	Moscow	1	34	6	43	cloudy
Berlin	3	37	11	52	cloudy	New Delhi	21	70	36	96	clear
Buenos Aires	17	62	18	64	rain	New York	13	55	21	69	clear
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Chicago	8	46	18	64	clear	Paris	12	54	20	68	cloudy
Copenhagen	5	41	13	55	clear	Rio de Janeiro	15	59	31	88	clear
Dublin	5	41	14	57	clear	Rome	5	41	18	64	clear
Frankfurt	4	39	15	59	clear	San Francisco	17	63	26	78	clear
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Jakarta	24	75	33	91	rain	Sydney	14	57	24	75	clear
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	33	91	rain	Taipei	18	64	24	75	rain
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